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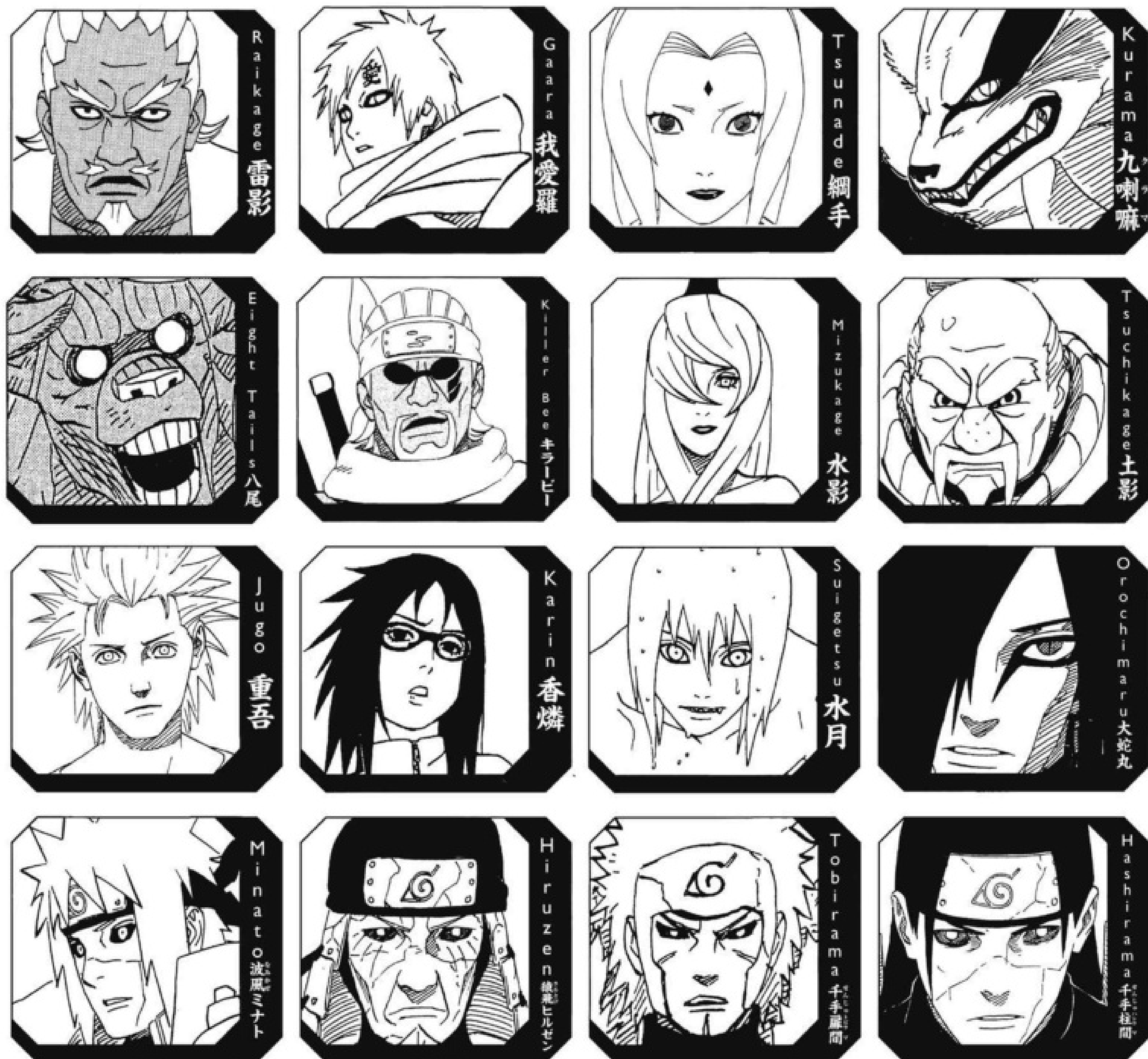
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THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Having regained a living body thanks to the Rinne Rebirth jutsu, Madara activates the Infinite Tsukuyomi and the people are sucked into a dream world. Immediately afterwards, Black Zetsu betrays Madara and revives the Rabbit Goddess Kaguya, who attacks Naruto and the others! Naruto joins forces with Sasuke and succeeds in sealing away Kaguya, but...?!



CHARACTERS



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IT WAS ALL THESE THREE... PLUS MANY OTHERS.

I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT. I HARDLY PLAYED ANY PART AT ALL.

...OH, NO.



...A FORMER FRIEND ALSO LENT ME STRENGTH.

BESIDES WHICH...



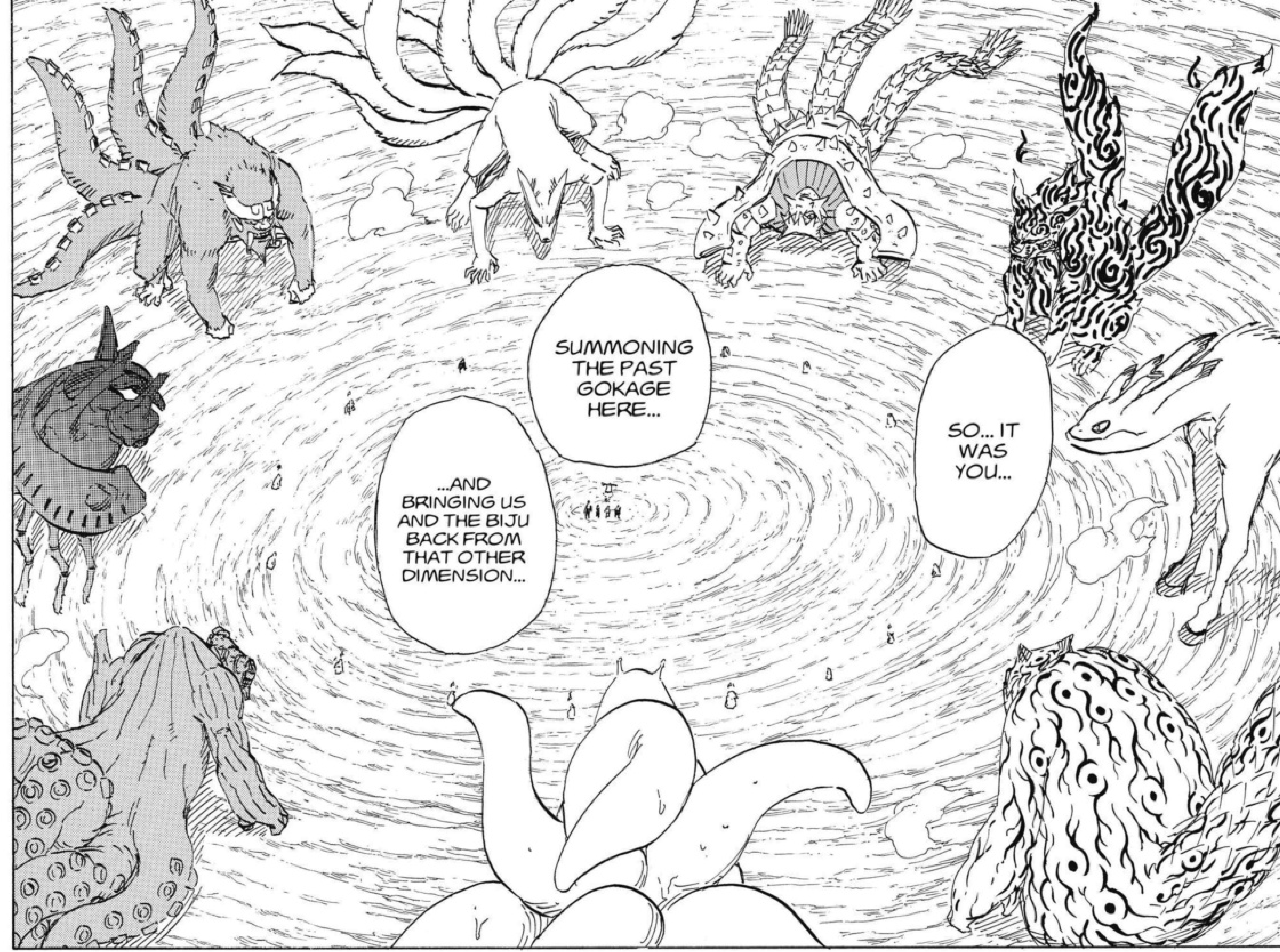
...YOU REMAINED NARUTO'S TEACHER... AND OBITO'S FRIEND.

DESPITE LOSING YOUR WAY...

THAT IS WHY I SAID... GOOD JOB GUIDING EVERYONE.

OR ELSE YOU LIKELY WOULDN'T HAVE SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING MOTHER.

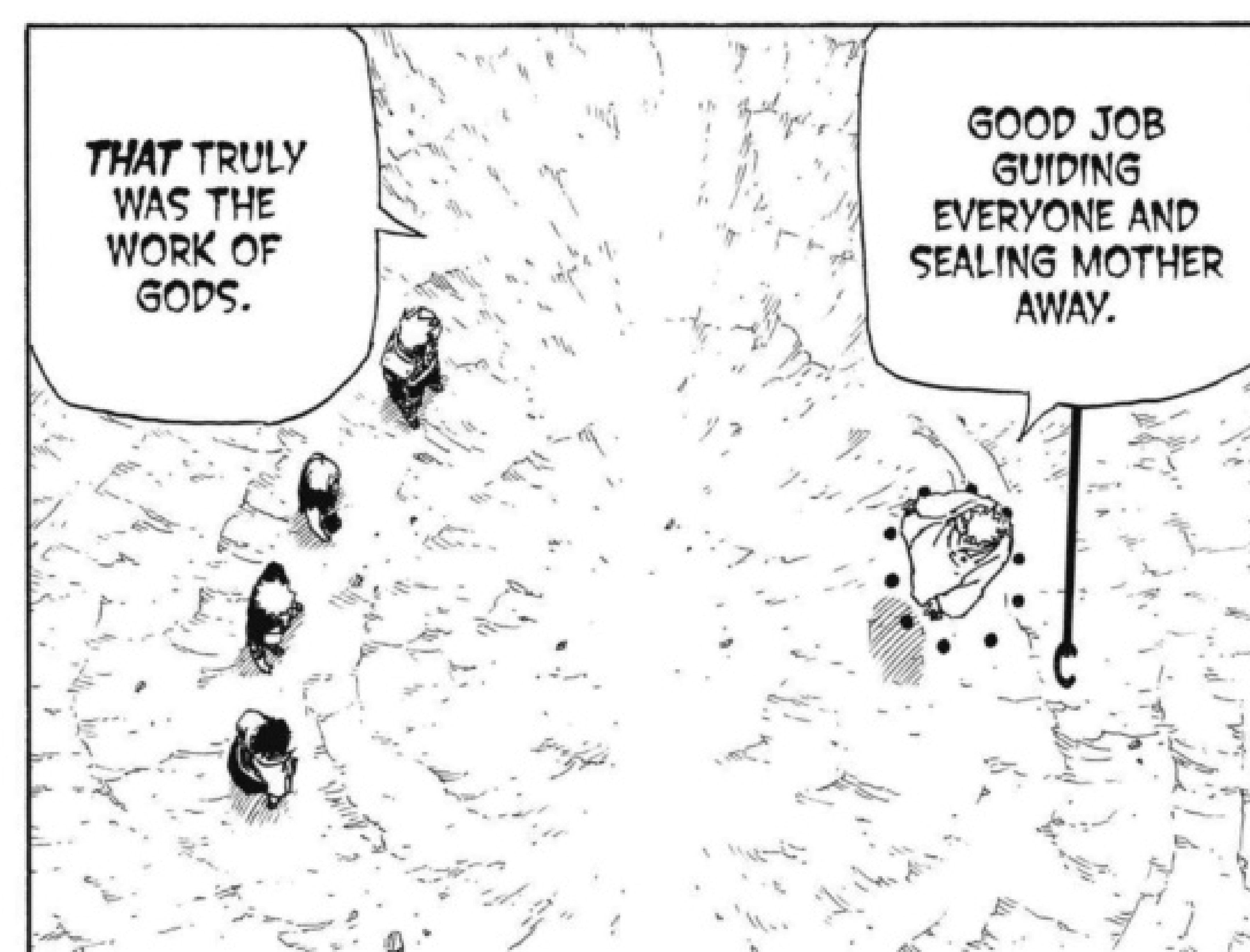
!



...AND BRINGING US AND THE BIJU BACK FROM THAT OTHER DIMENSION...

SUMMONING THE PAST GOKAGE HERE...

SO... IT WAS YOU...



THAT TRULY WAS THE WORK OF GODS.

GOOD JOB GUIDING EVERYONE AND SEALING MOTHER AWAY.



YOU'RE HATAKE KAKASHI, EH.



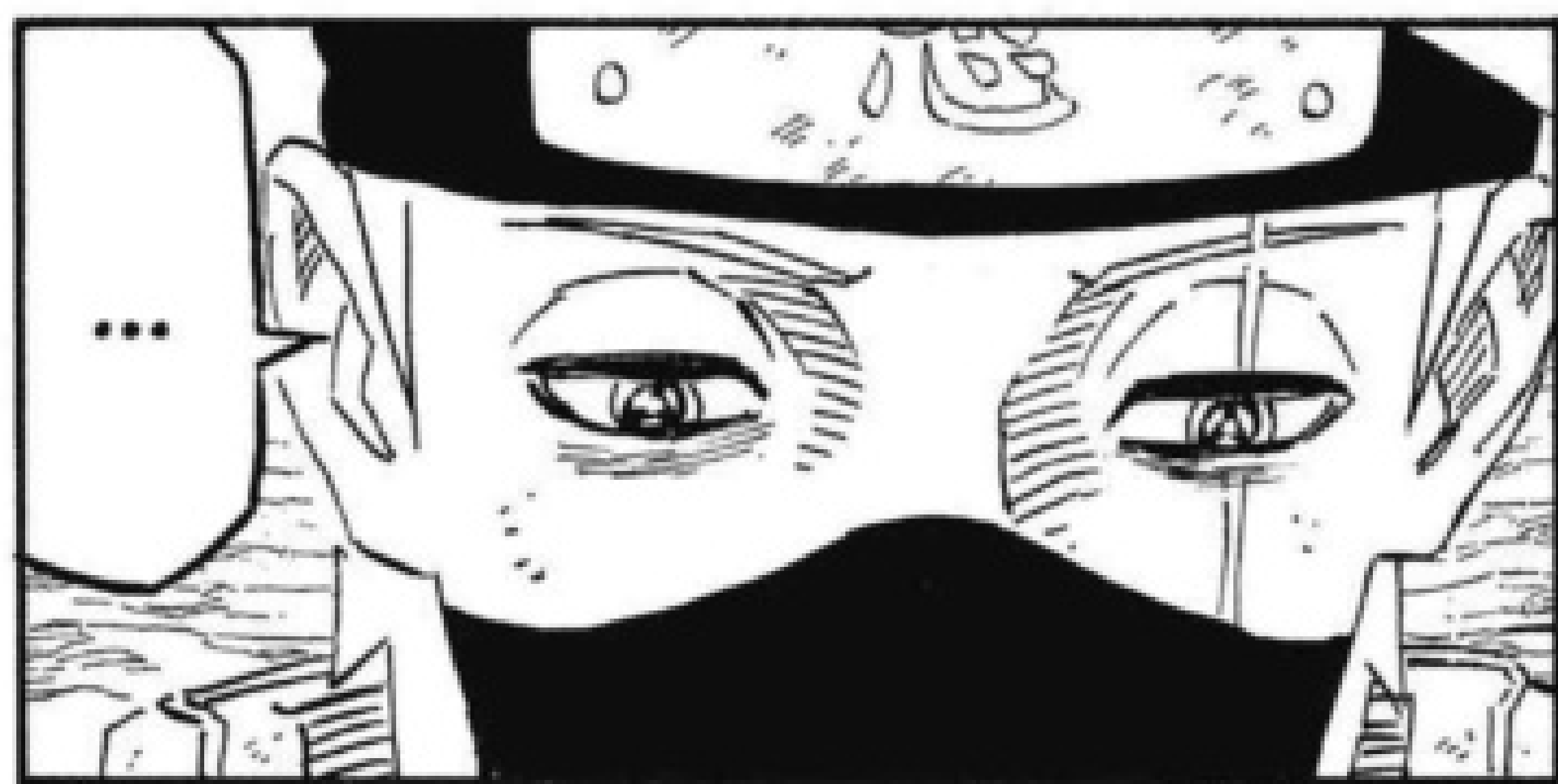
UH... YES.

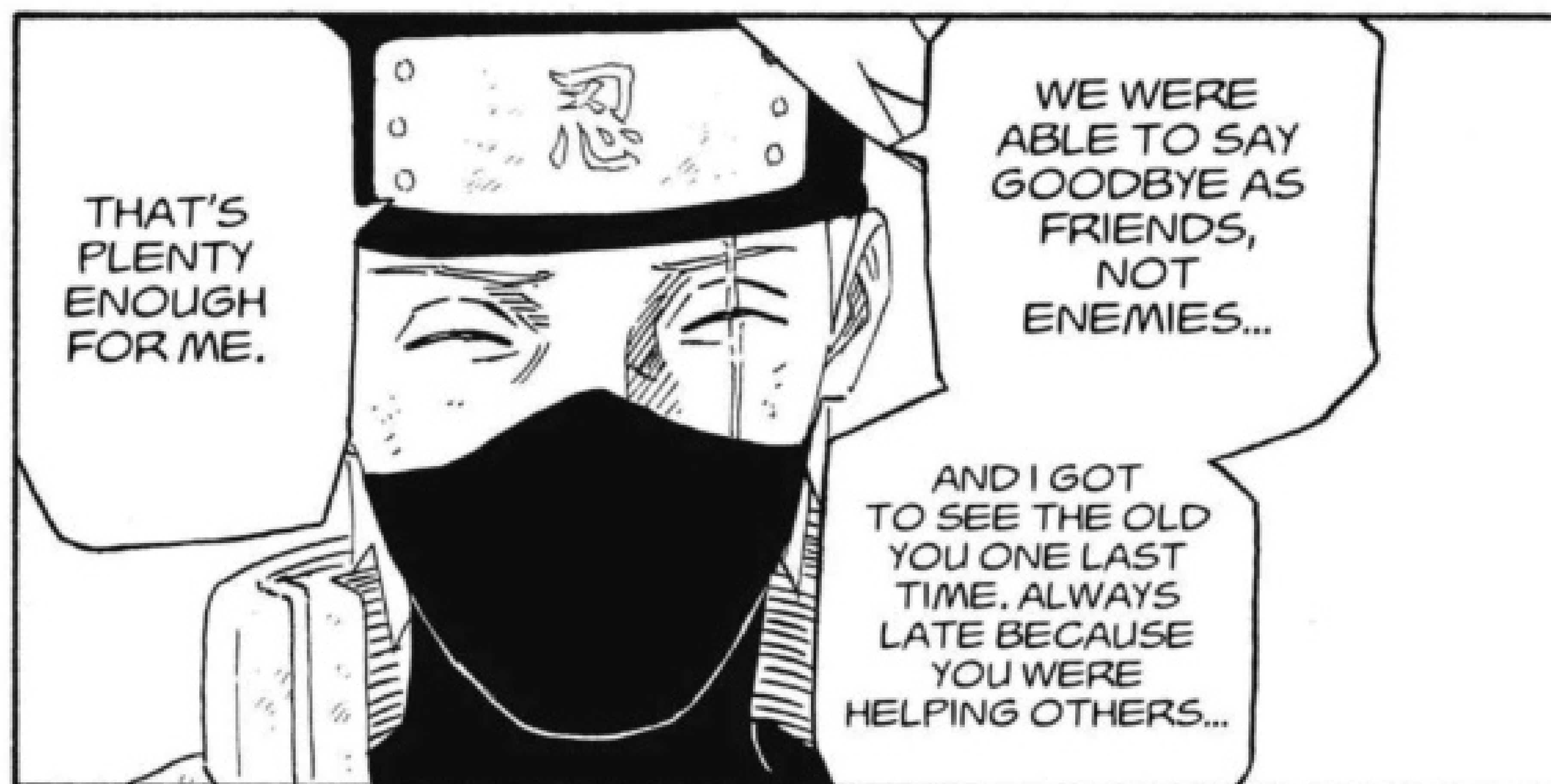


...PERFORM SUCH GOD-LIKE ACTIONS.

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD...



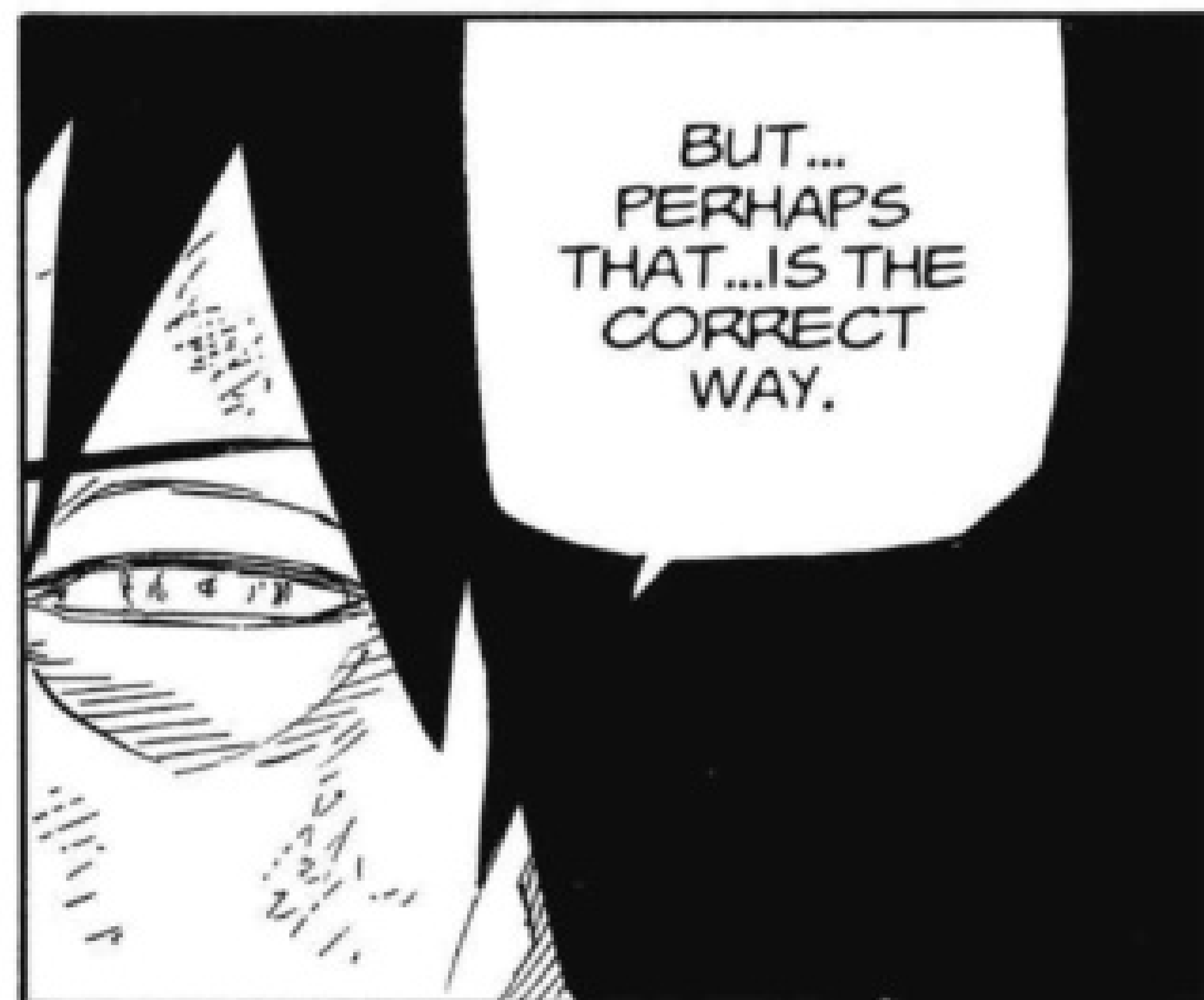
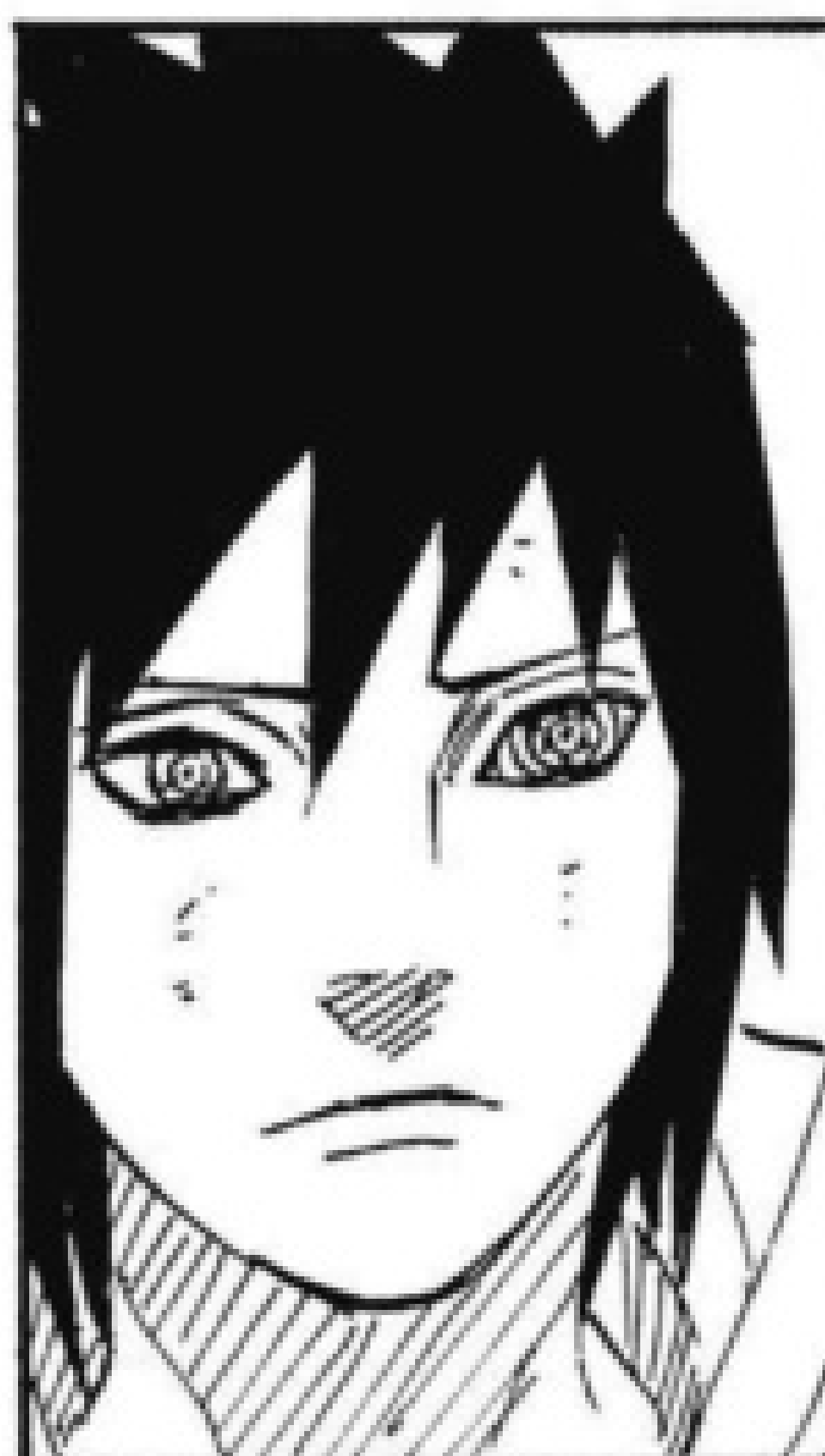


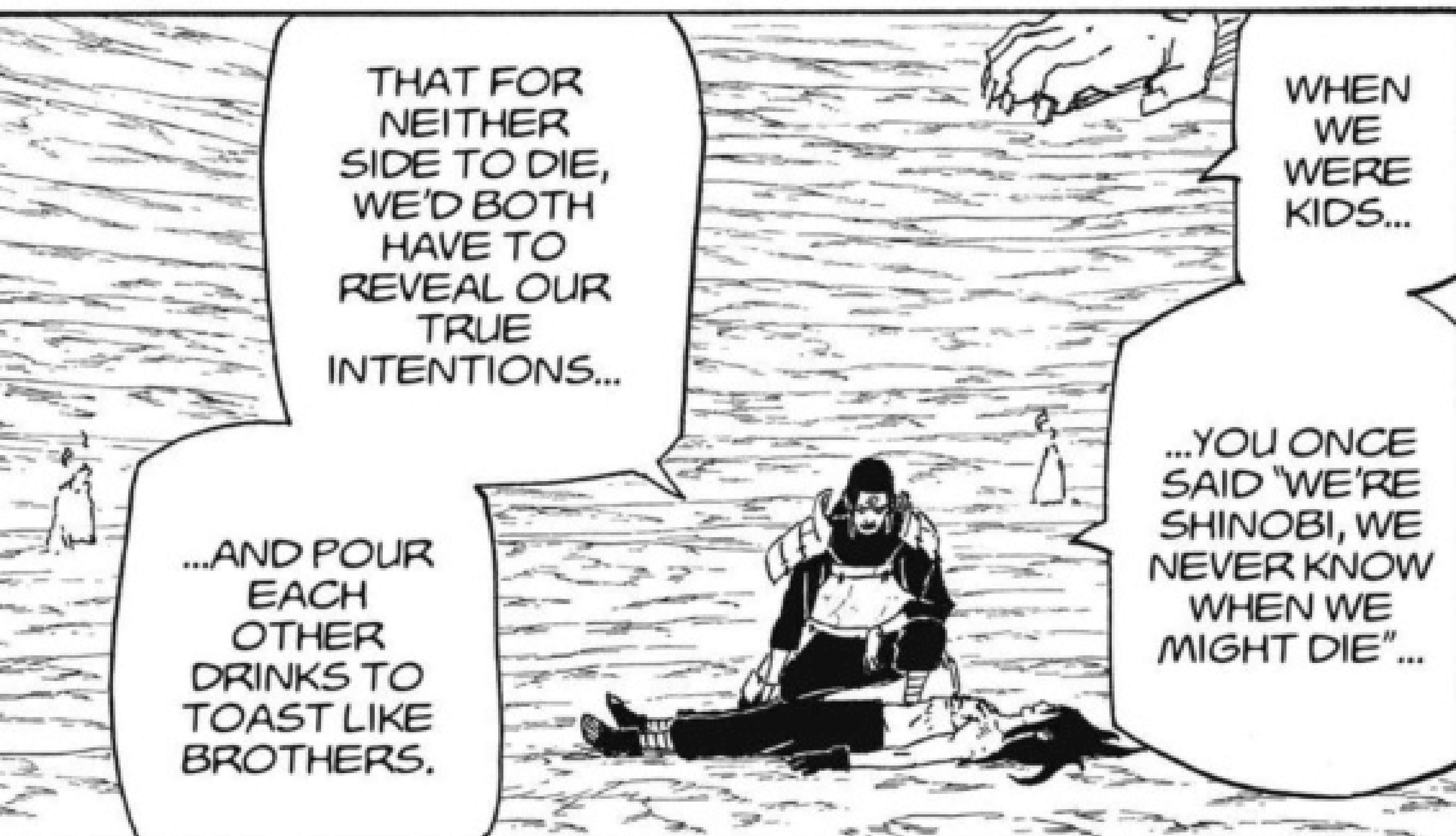


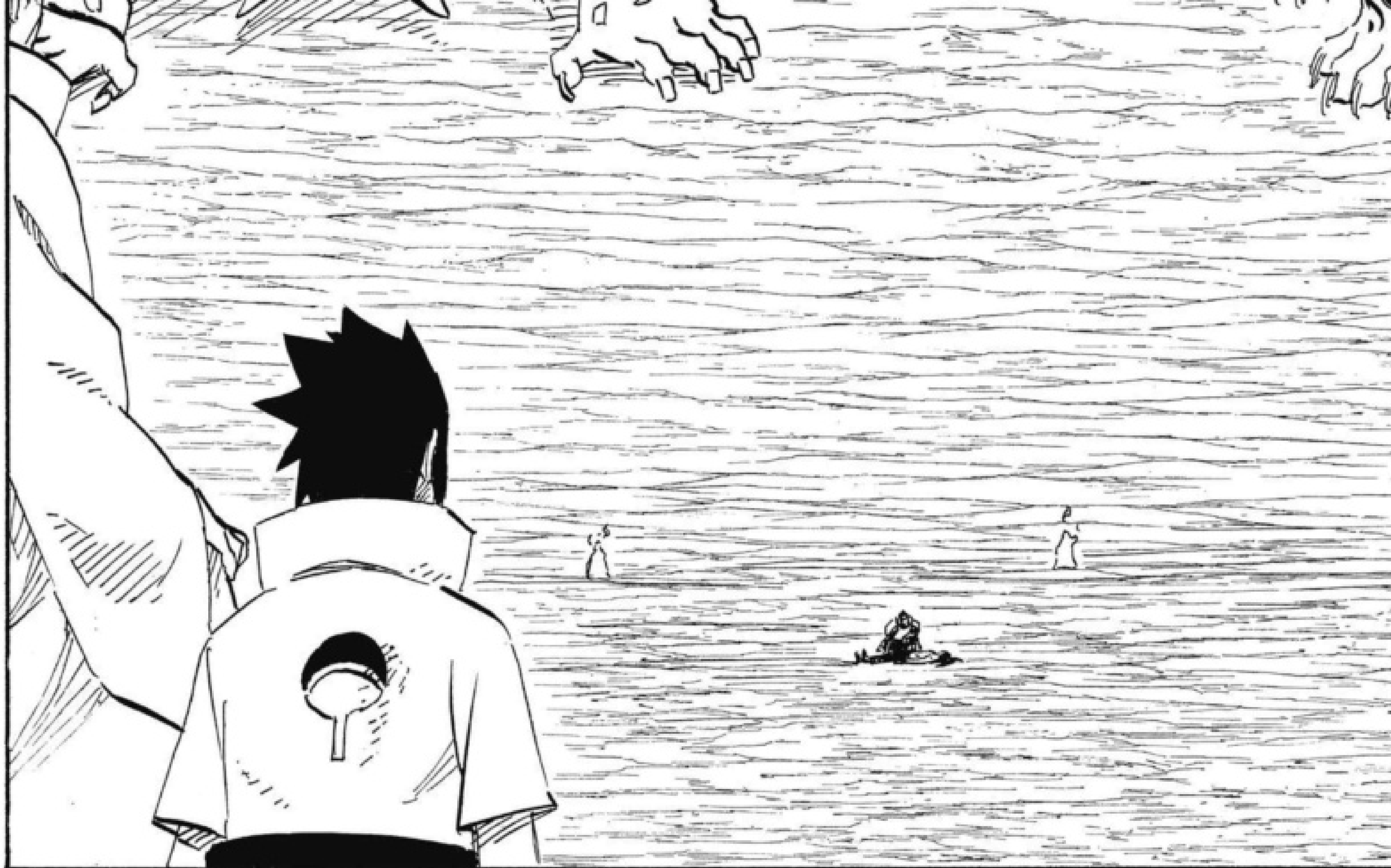


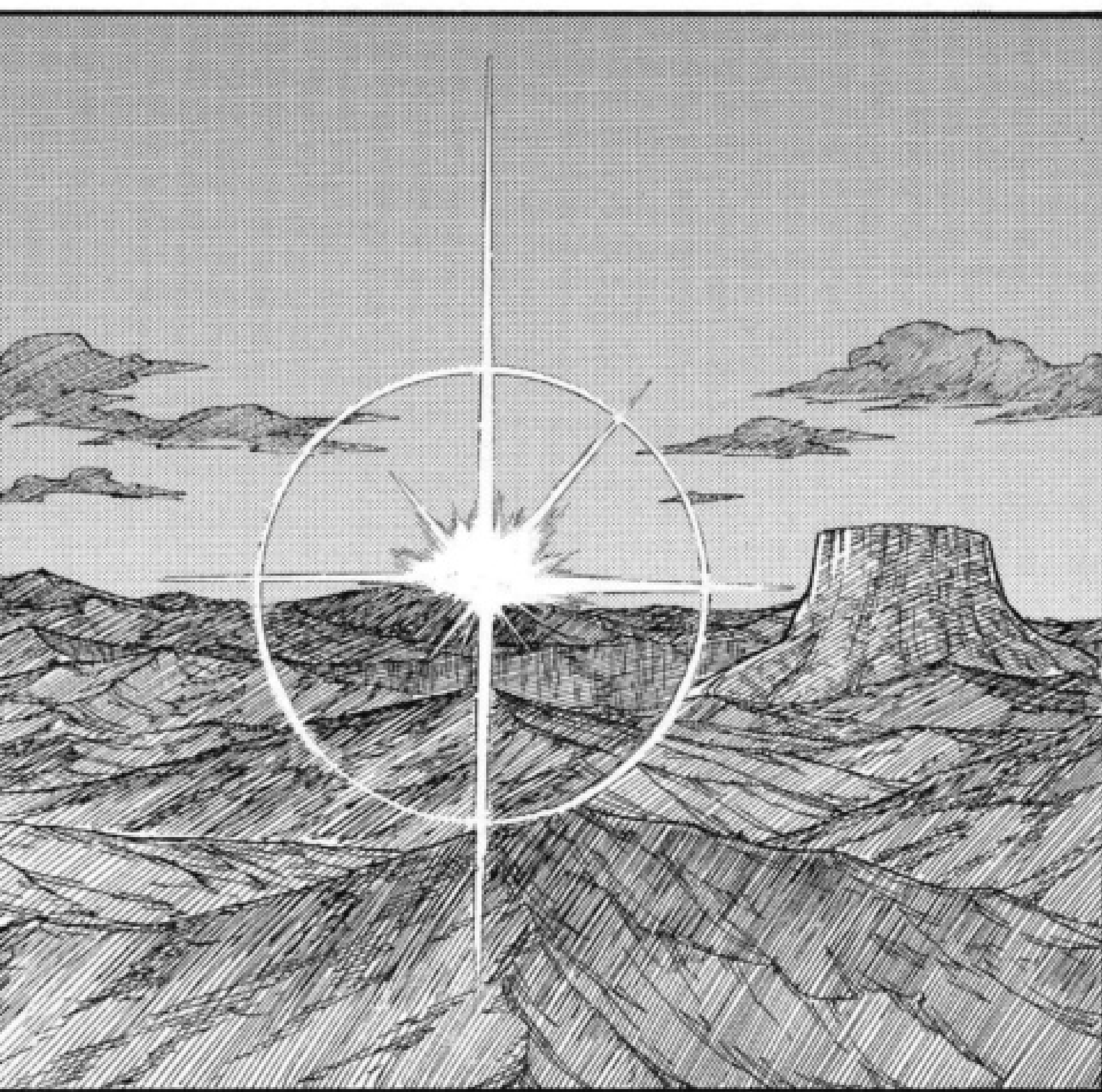
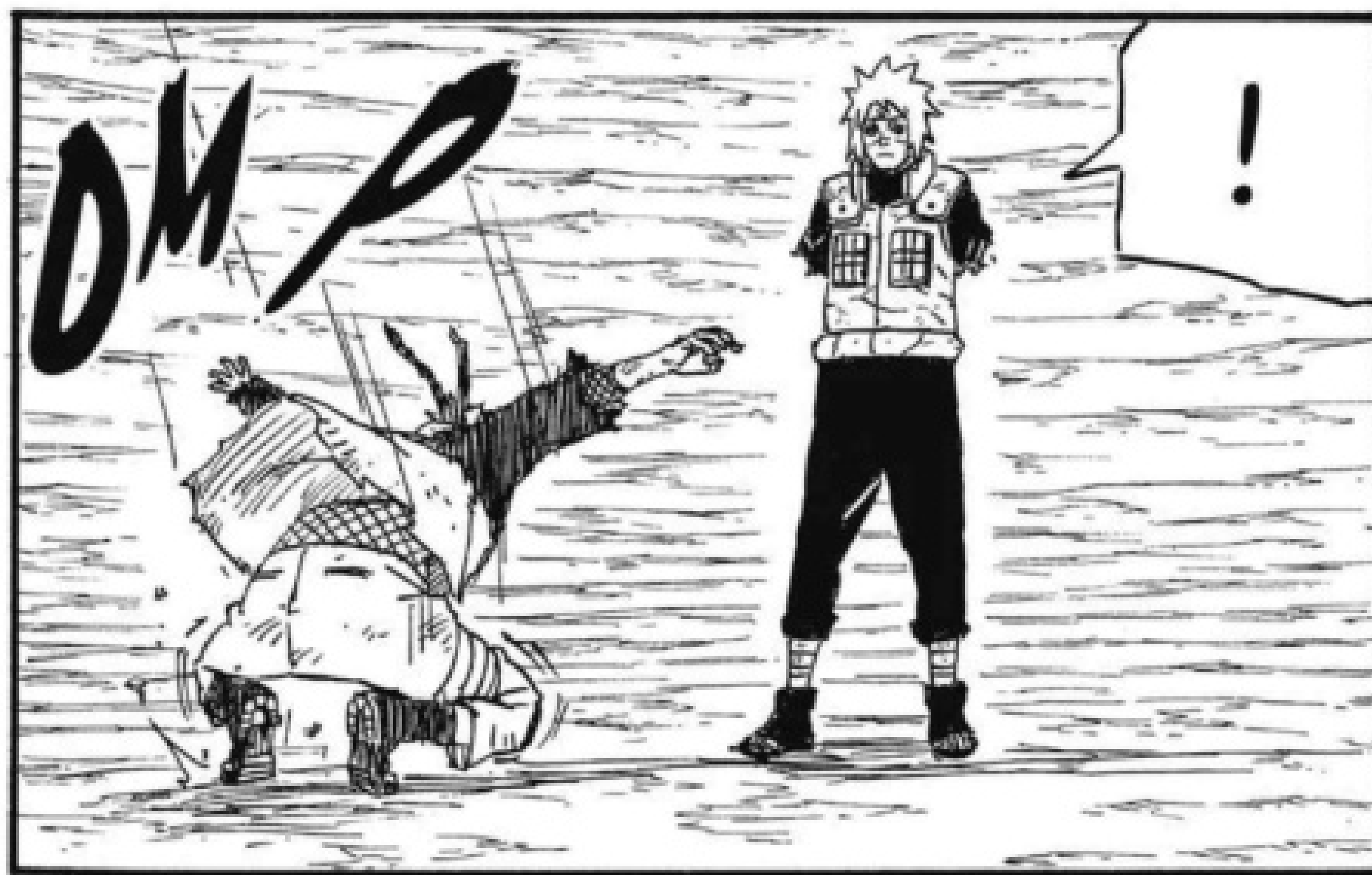






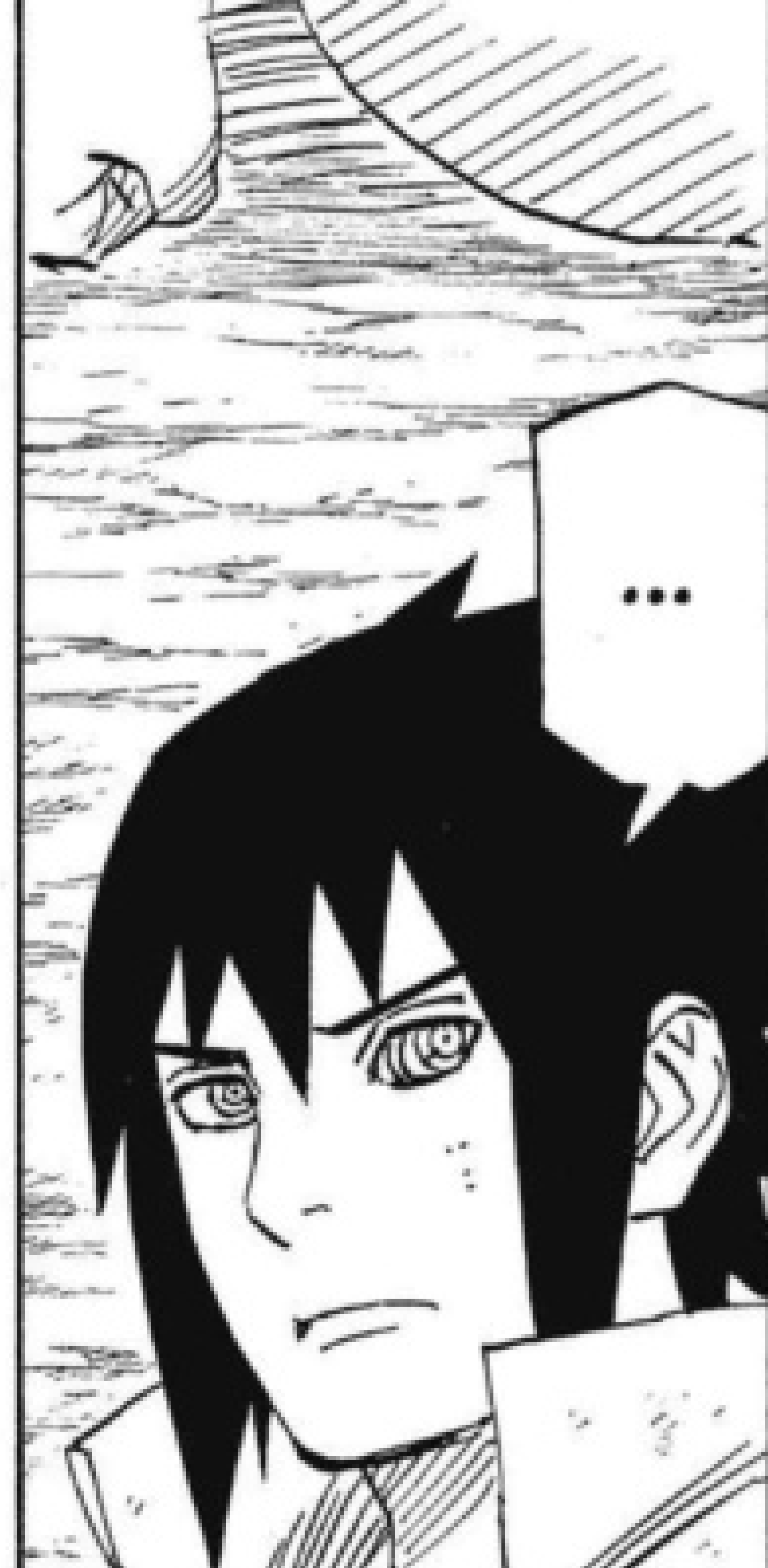












I'VE MADE
LOTS OF
FRIENDS!!

THEY'RE
ALL
GOOD
GUYS!!



SINCE
THEY'RE
HERE, YOU
CAN ASK
THEM
YOUR-
SELF!

I
RESPECT
THEM
BOTH!

AND OF
COURSE,
I OBEYED
THIRD
AND
MASTER
KAKASHI!



...I MADE
SURE NOT
TO GET
DOWN ON
MYSELF AT
ALL...

MY
STUDIES,
THEY DIDN'T
GO ANY-
WHERE
CLOSE TO
WELL, BUT...

CONFIDENCE
IS SOMETHING
THAT I GOT
MORE OF
THAN ANYONE
ELSE!!



BUT ABOUT MA
TELLING ME TO
FIND SOMEONE
LIKE HER,
I DUNNO...

I JUST TURNED
17 TODAY, SO I
STILL DON'T
KNOW MUCH
ABOUT
ALCOHOL
OR GIRLS!

...THAT'S...
UM...



HE WAS PRETTY
BAD REGARDING
THE PROHIBITIONS,
BUT PERVY SAGE
WAS AN AWESOME
SHINOBI AND I
RESPECT HIM
THE MOST!

I
DO!!

I LEARNED A
WHOLE LOT
ABOUT THEM
WHEN I WAS
WITH PERVY
SAGE!

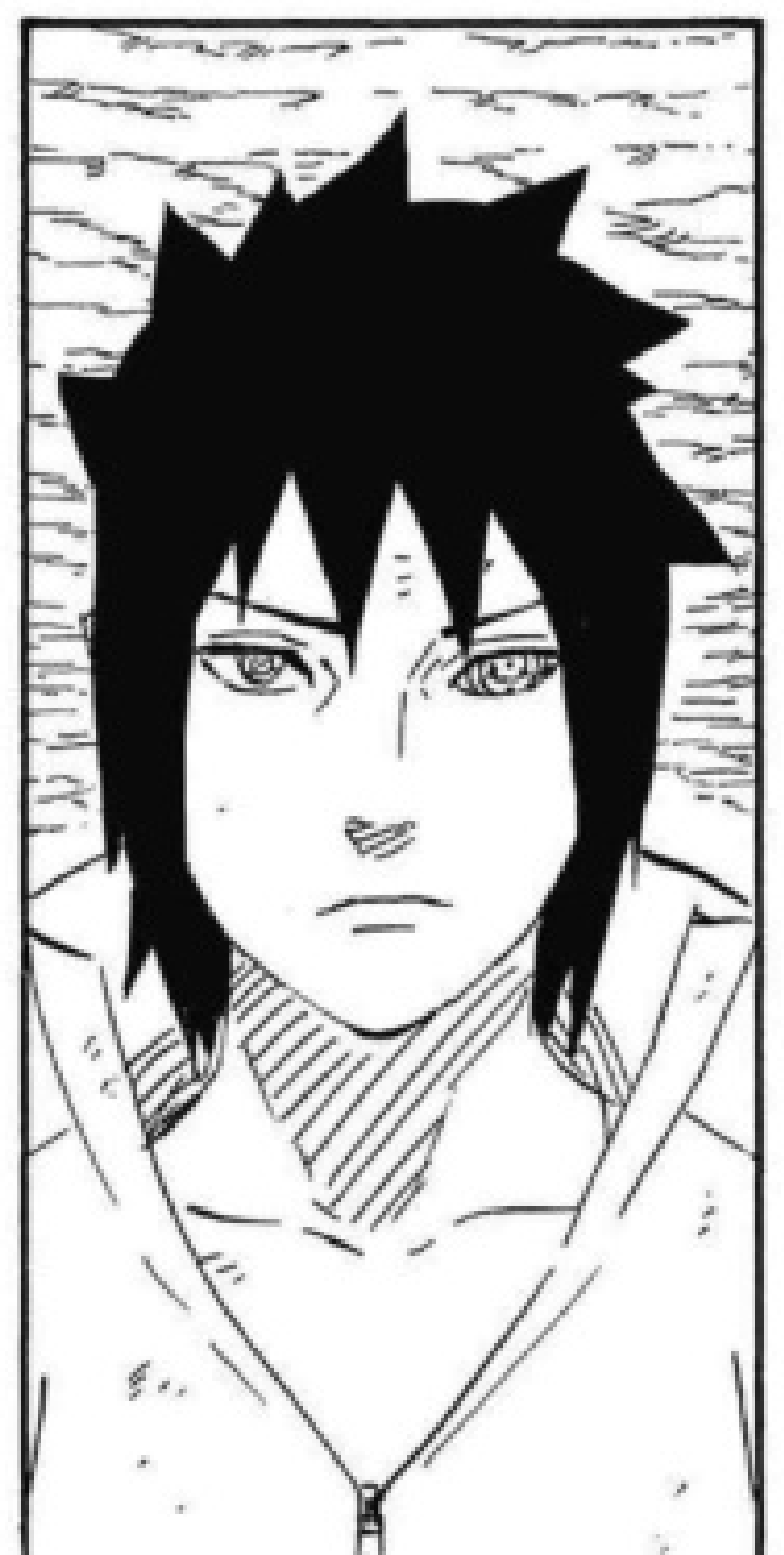
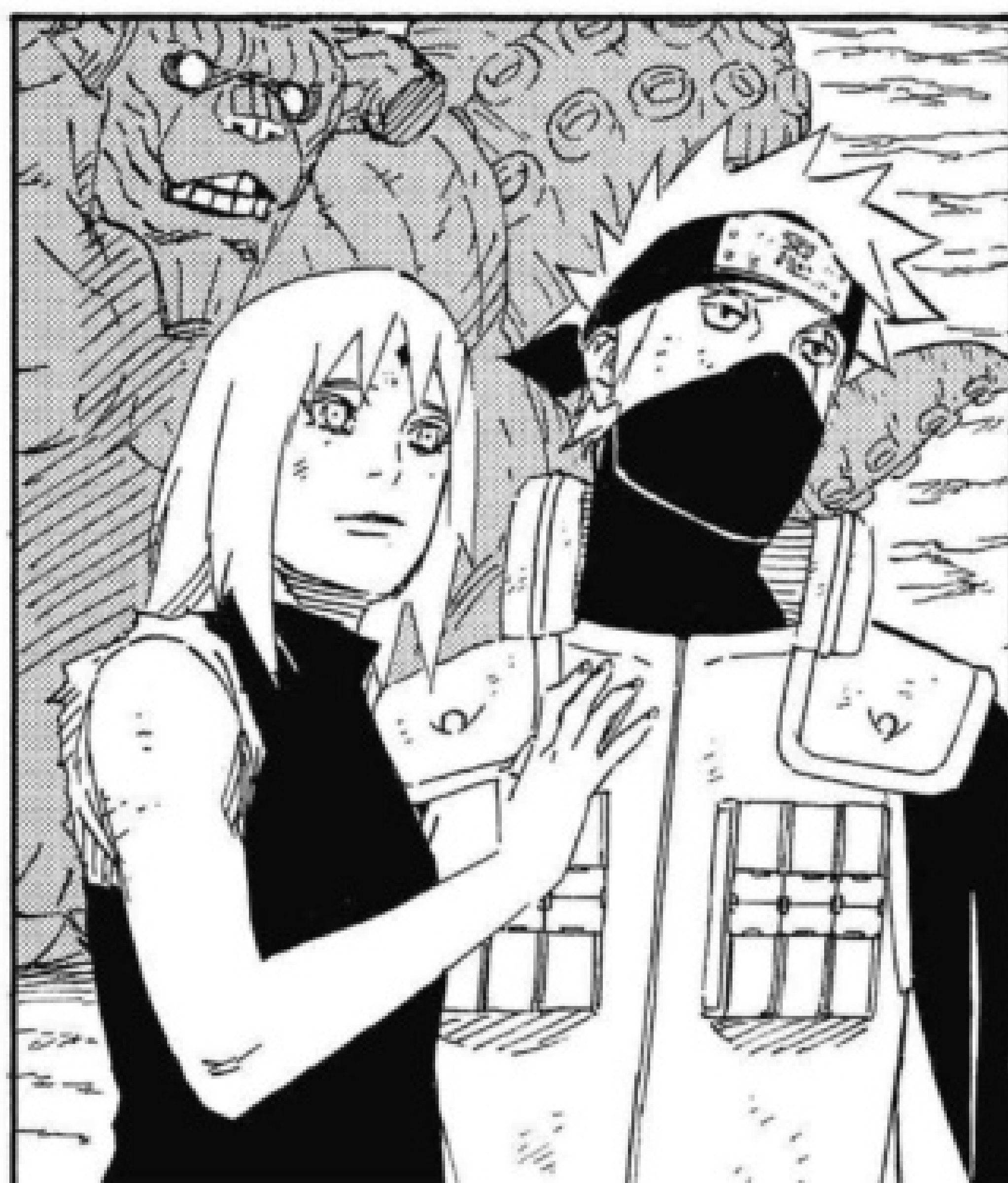
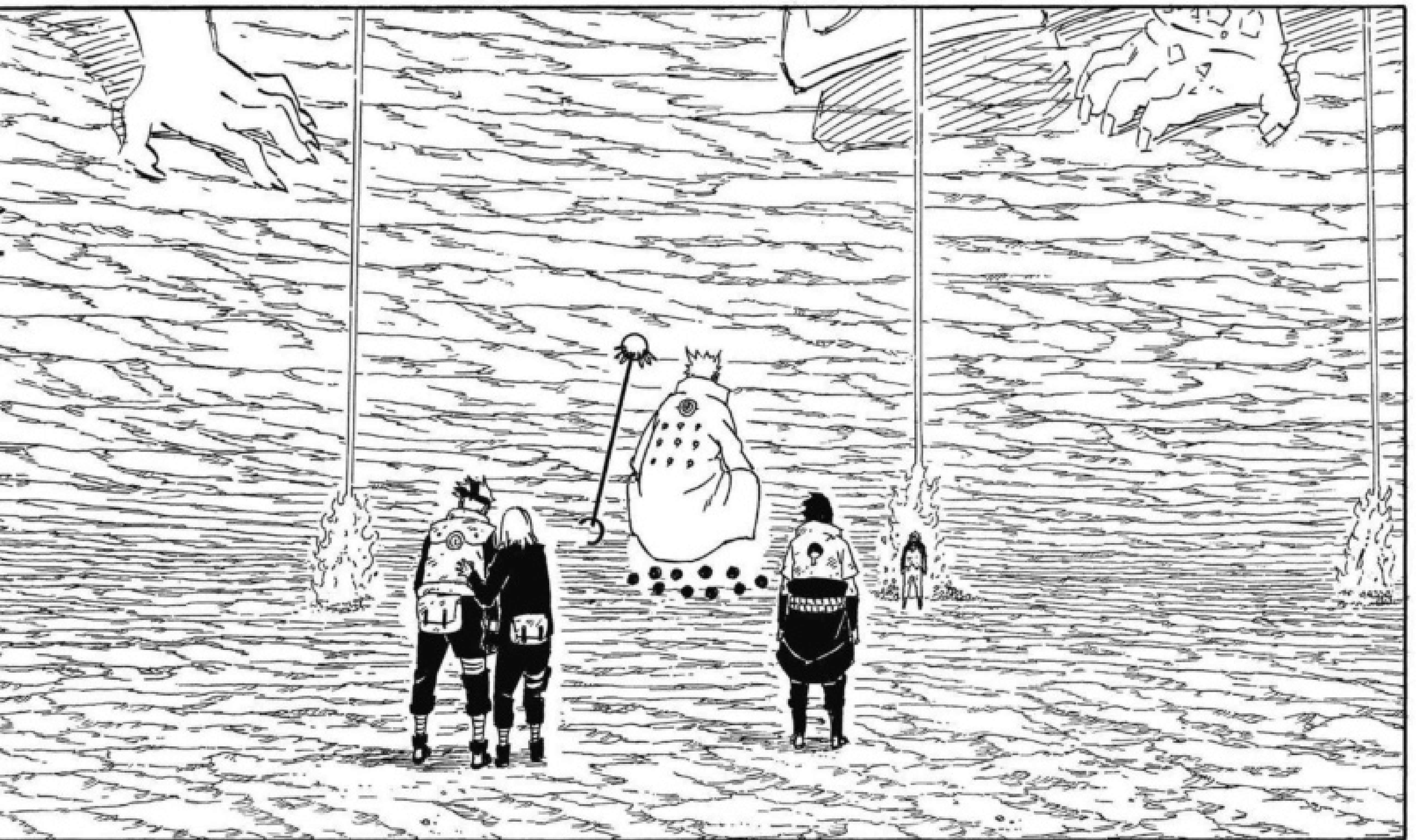
OH!
AND THOSE
THREE
PROHIBITIONS
OF SHINOBI?!

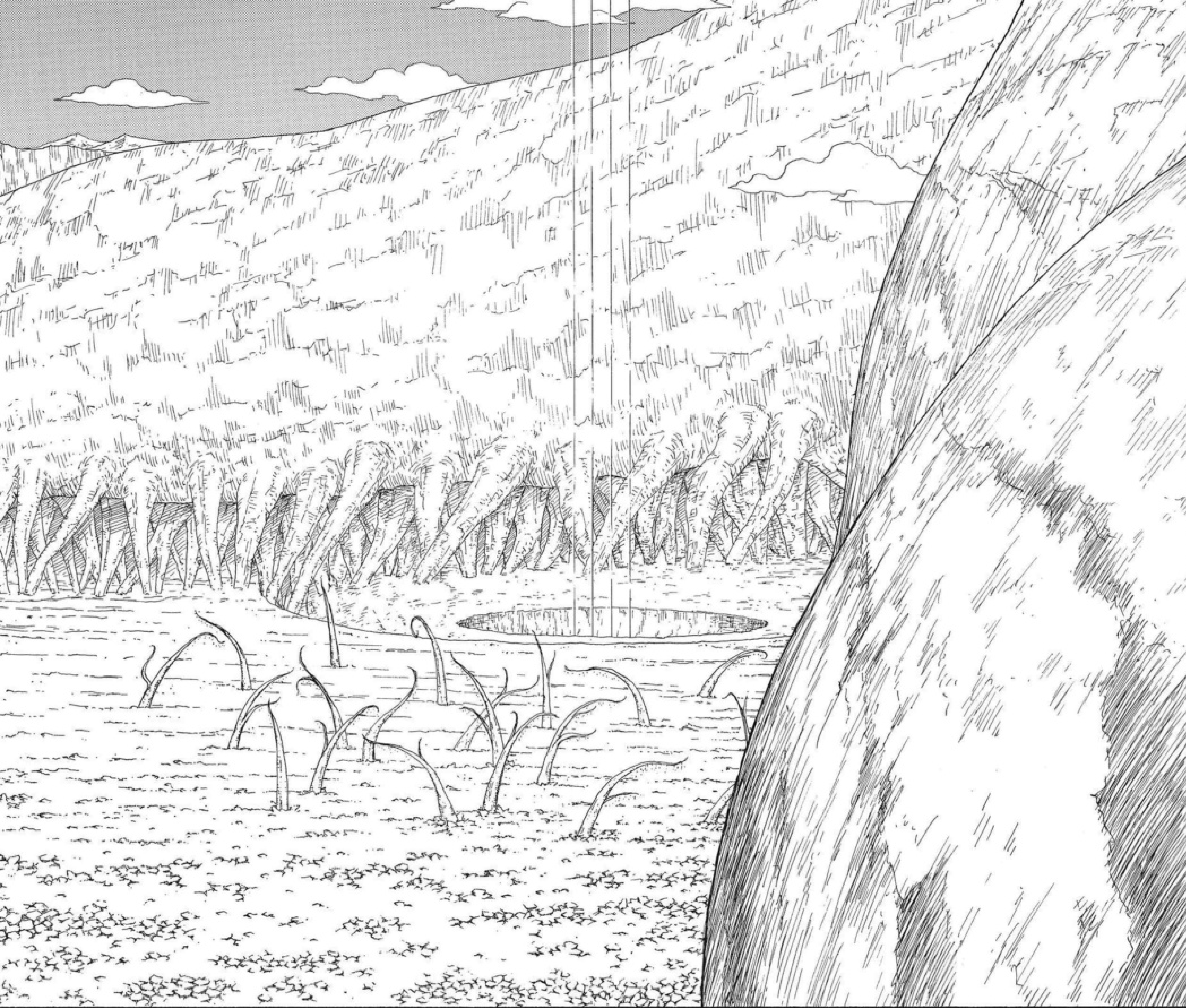


SWOO...









AS SARU SAYS...
LET'S LEAVE
THE REST TO
THE NEXT
GENERATION.

ELDER
BROTHER...
YOU
FINALLY
SETTLED
THINGS
WITH
MADARA.



...KAKASHI,
SAKURA,
SASUKE AND
NARUTO!

WE'RE
LEAVING
THE REST
TO YOU...

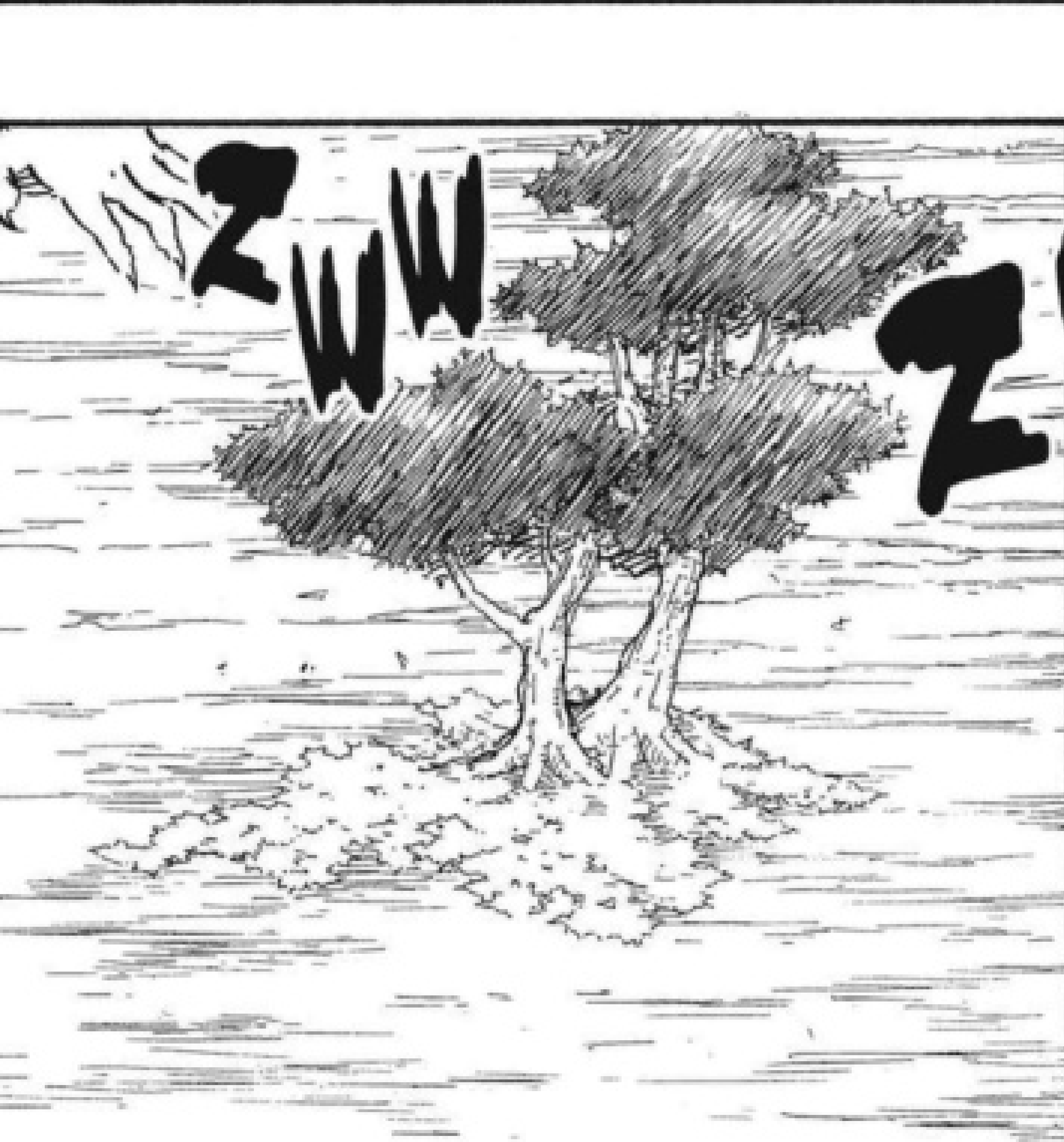


NOD



RUB

RUB

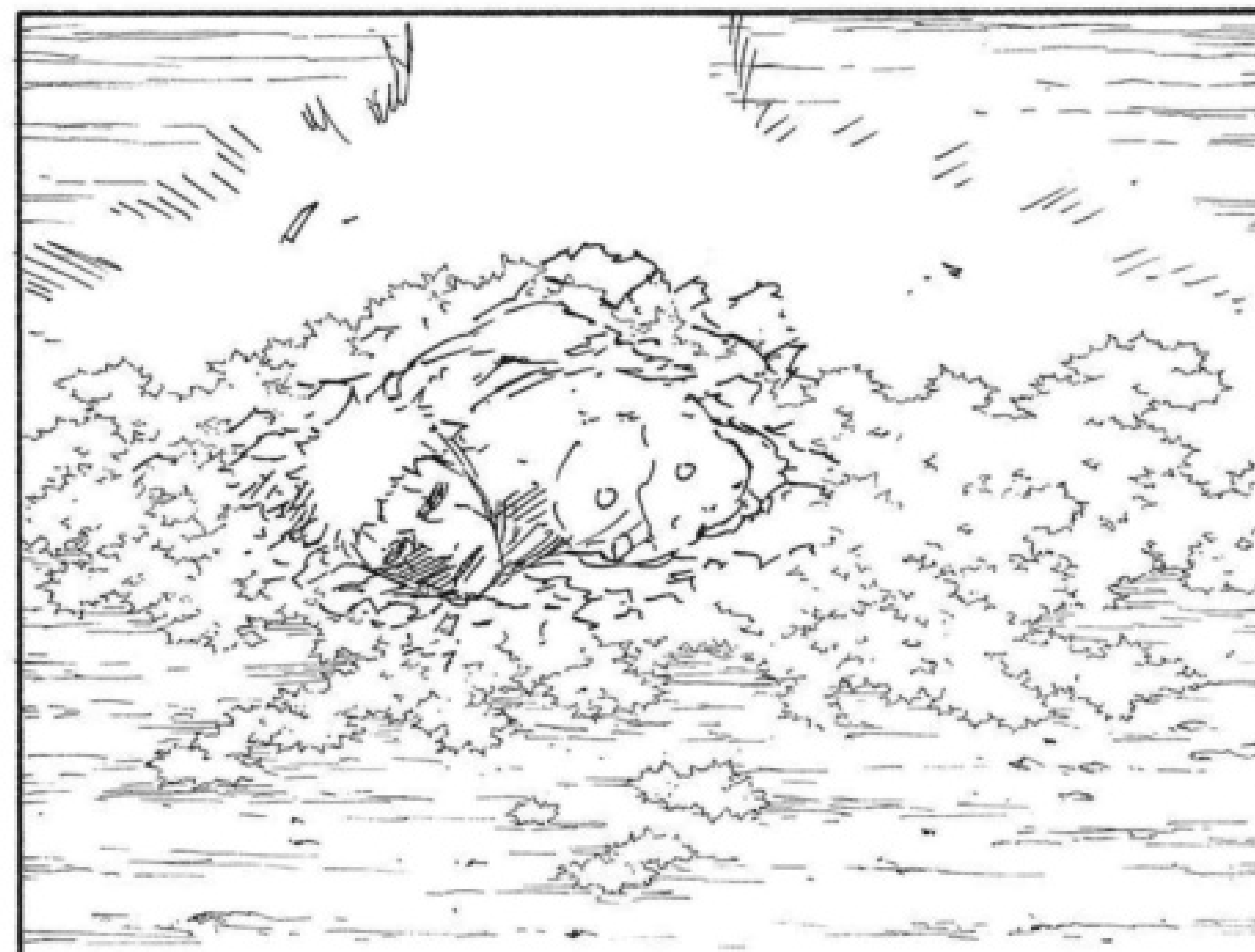


ZWW

ZWW



ZWW



NO... MAKE
SURE TO DO
SO, UZUMAKI
NARUTO
AND UCHIHA
SASUKE.

WISP...

YOU WILL
PROBABLY
FIND A
DIFFERENT
CONCLUSION
THAN WE DID...

INDEED
...



I THINK
I'LL
HUNKER
DOWN IN
A FOREST.



I'M GOING
HOME TO
SUIRENDO,
SCREECH!

NOW
WE'RE
ALL FREE
TOO.



MY
PLAN
IS...

ME...?



WHAT'RE
YOU
GONNA
DO?

EIGHT
TAILS...



WE CAN
FINALLY GO
BACK TO
OUR
HOMES...

IT'S LIKE
A DREAM!



...

!



I THINK...
I'M GONNA
GO BACK
TO BEE.

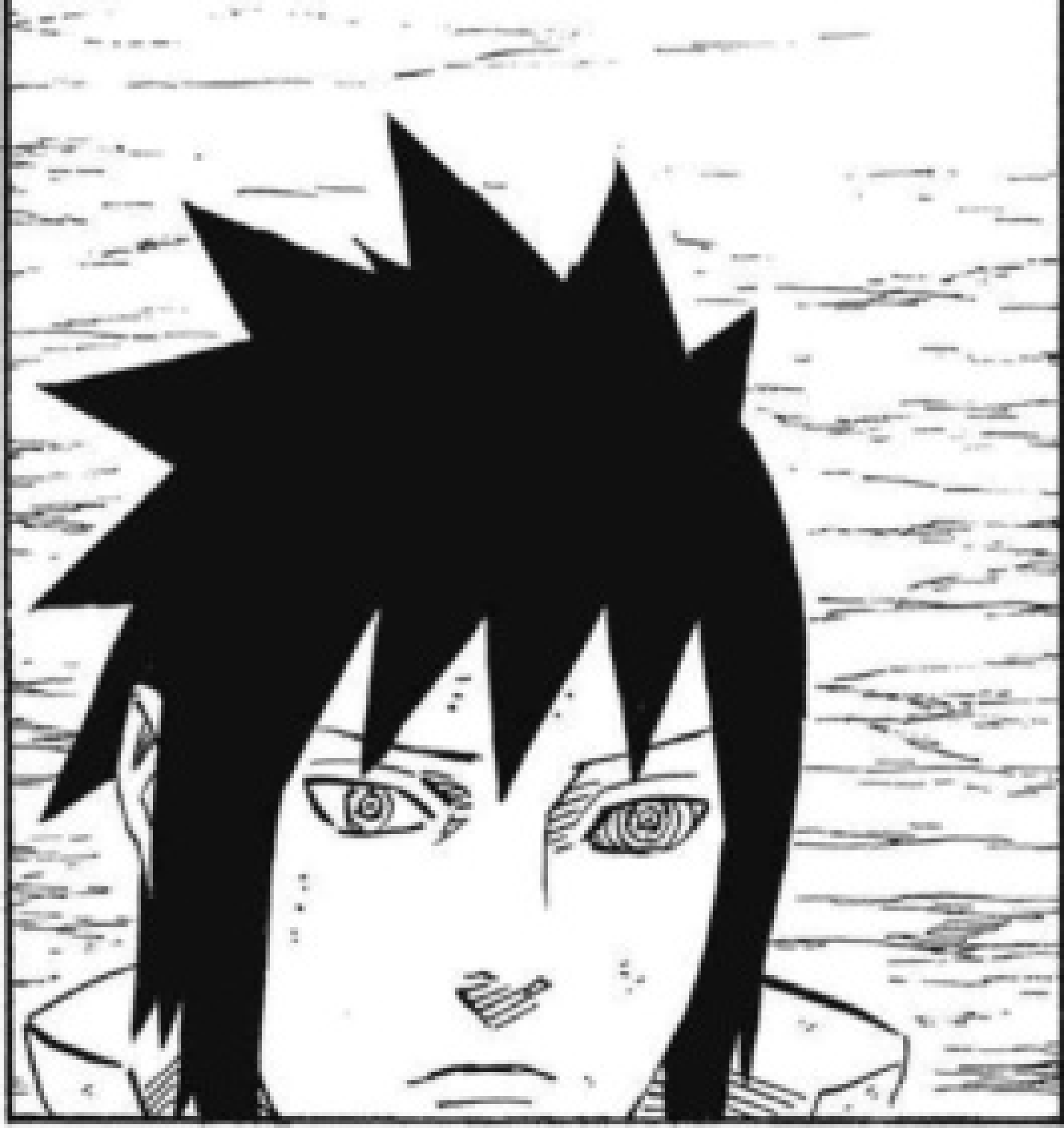
AND
YOU?

EVEN HIS
ANNOYING
RAPPING HAS
ENDED UP
GROWING
ON ME.



...





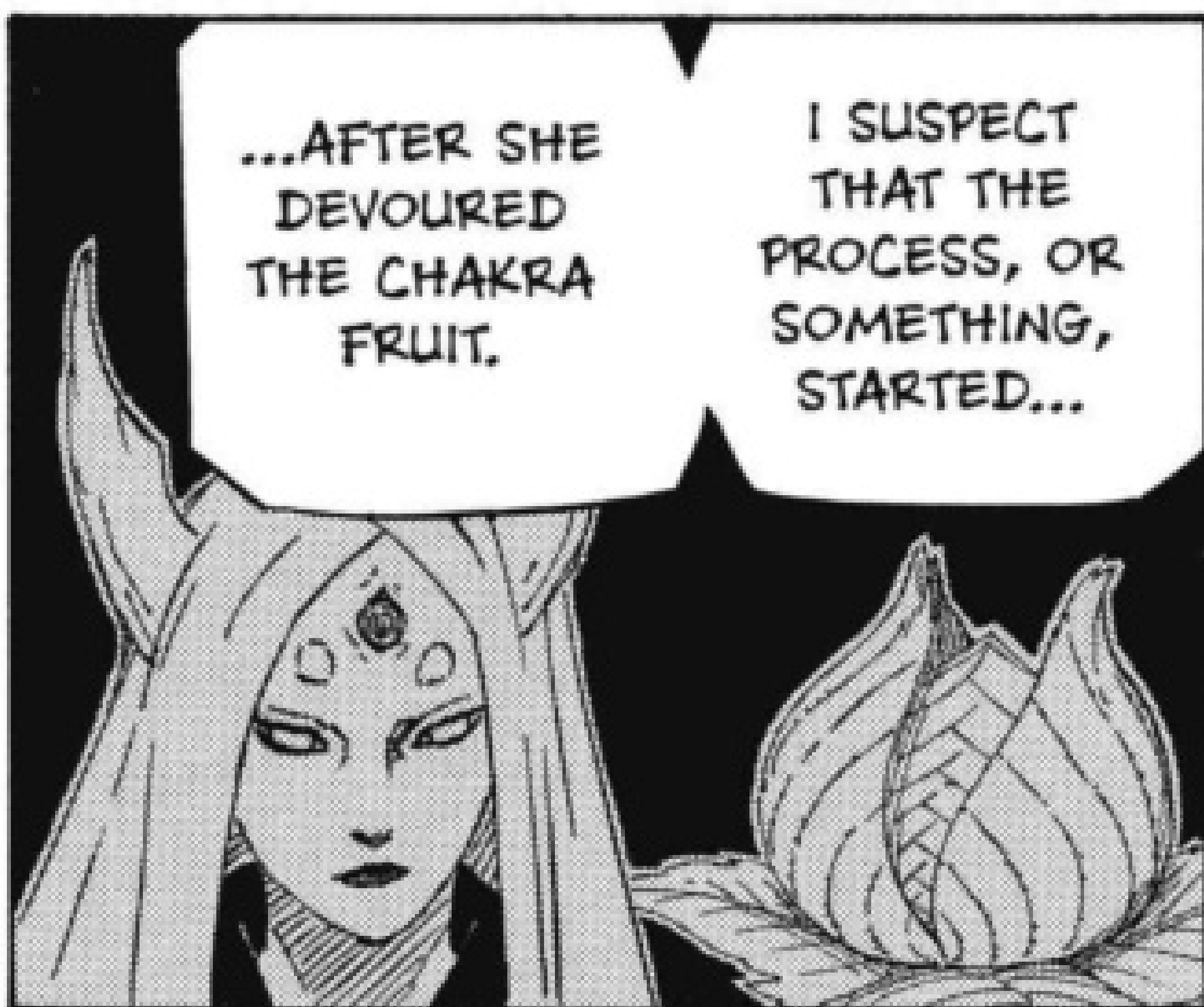
IT'S LIKE SHE DIDN'T HAVE A HEART AT ALL...

KAGUYA WAS... DIFFERENT FROM ANYONE ELSE I'VE FOUGHT...



...MY MA WAS UZUMAKI KUSHINA.

I'M JUST SO GLAD...



...AFTER SHE DEVoured THE CHAKRA FRUIT.

I SUSPECT THAT THE PROCESS, OR SOMETHING, STARTED...



I DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE WHAT CAUSED HER TO TRANSFORM INTO A BEING WHO CAME TO BE CALLED A DEMON.

IT'S SAID MY MOTHER KAGUYA STARTED OFF AS A BELOVED GODDESS OF THE PEOPLE...

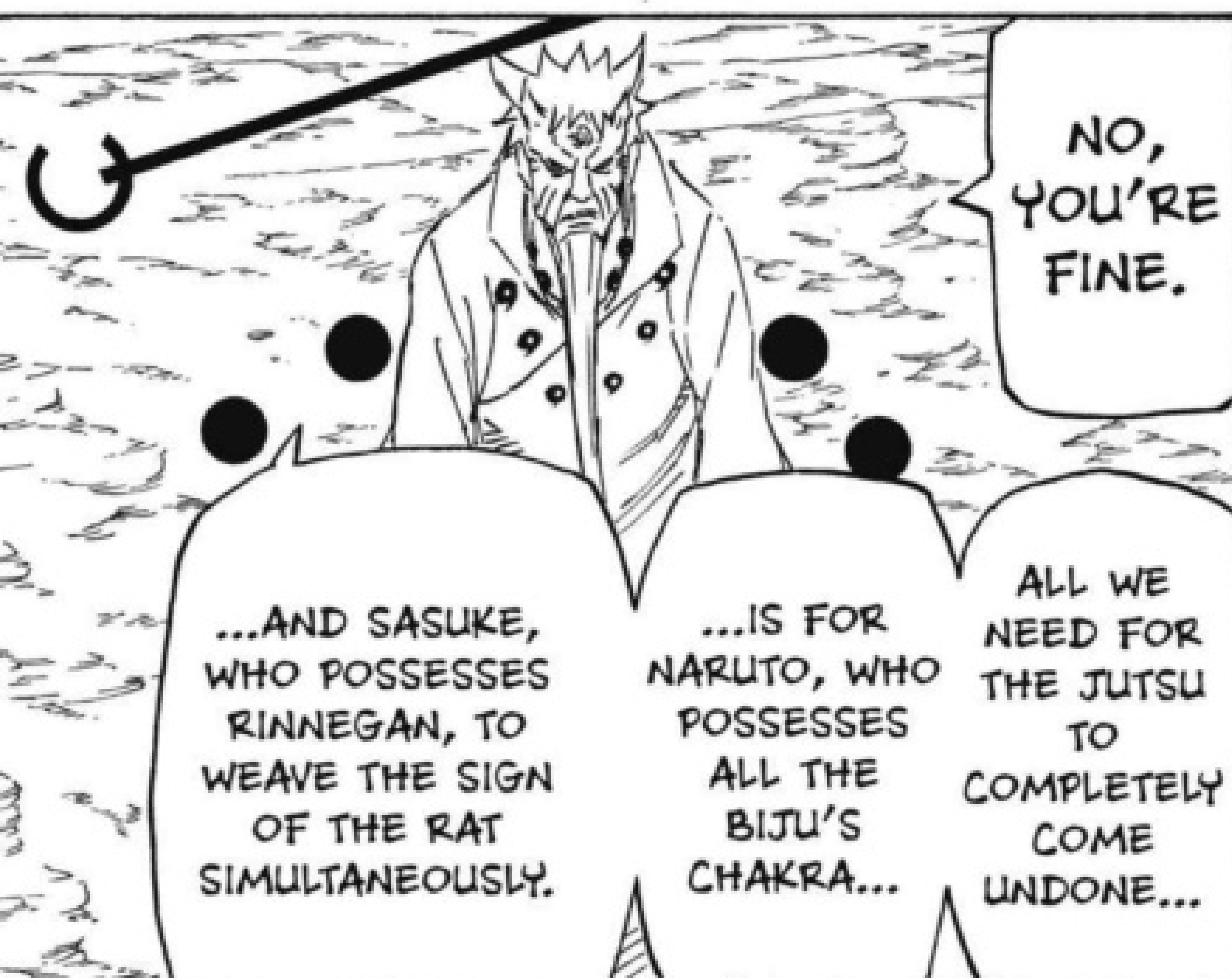
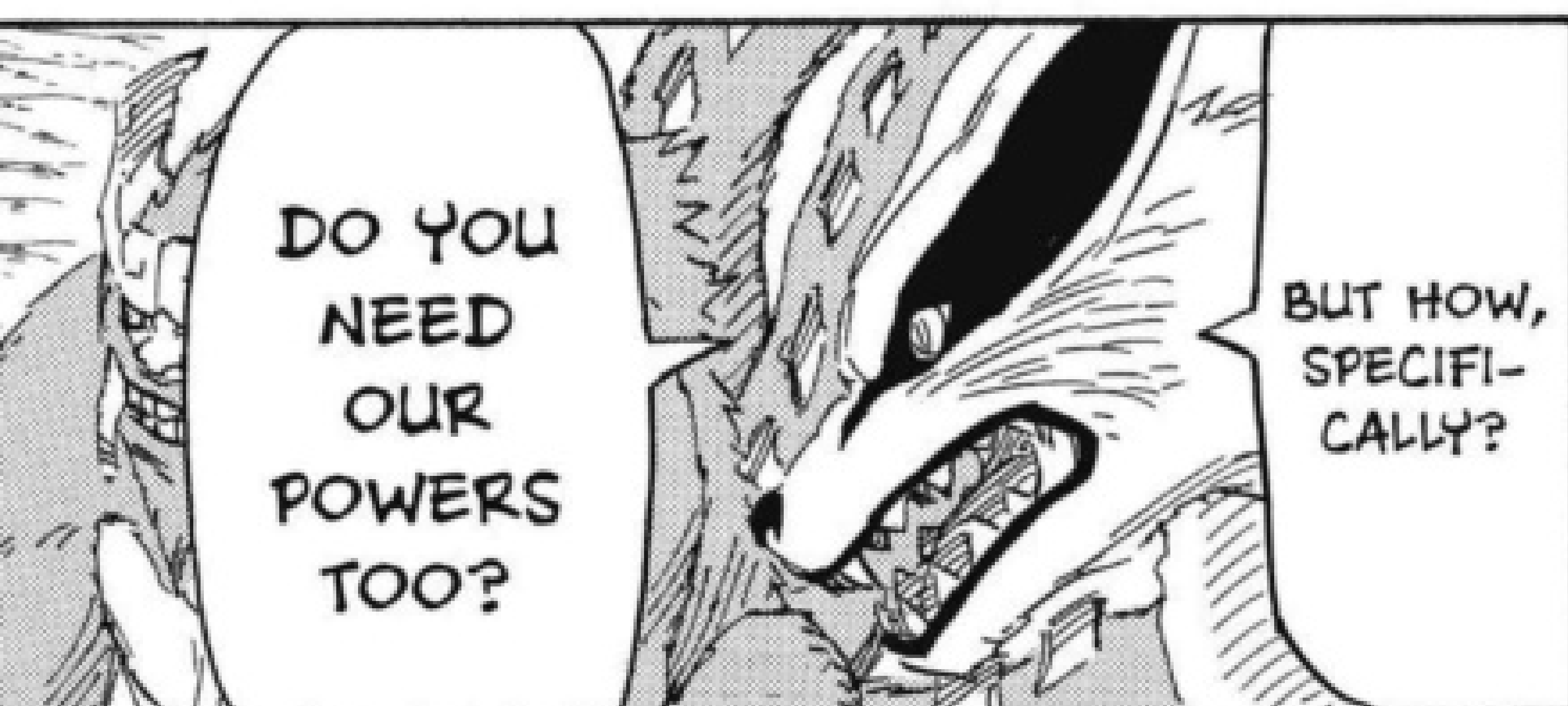


NOW THEN, ALL THAT'S LEFT...



I TRUST YOU NOT TO BECOME LIKE HER, EVEN WITH ALL OF THE BIJU'S CHAKRA WITHIN YOU.

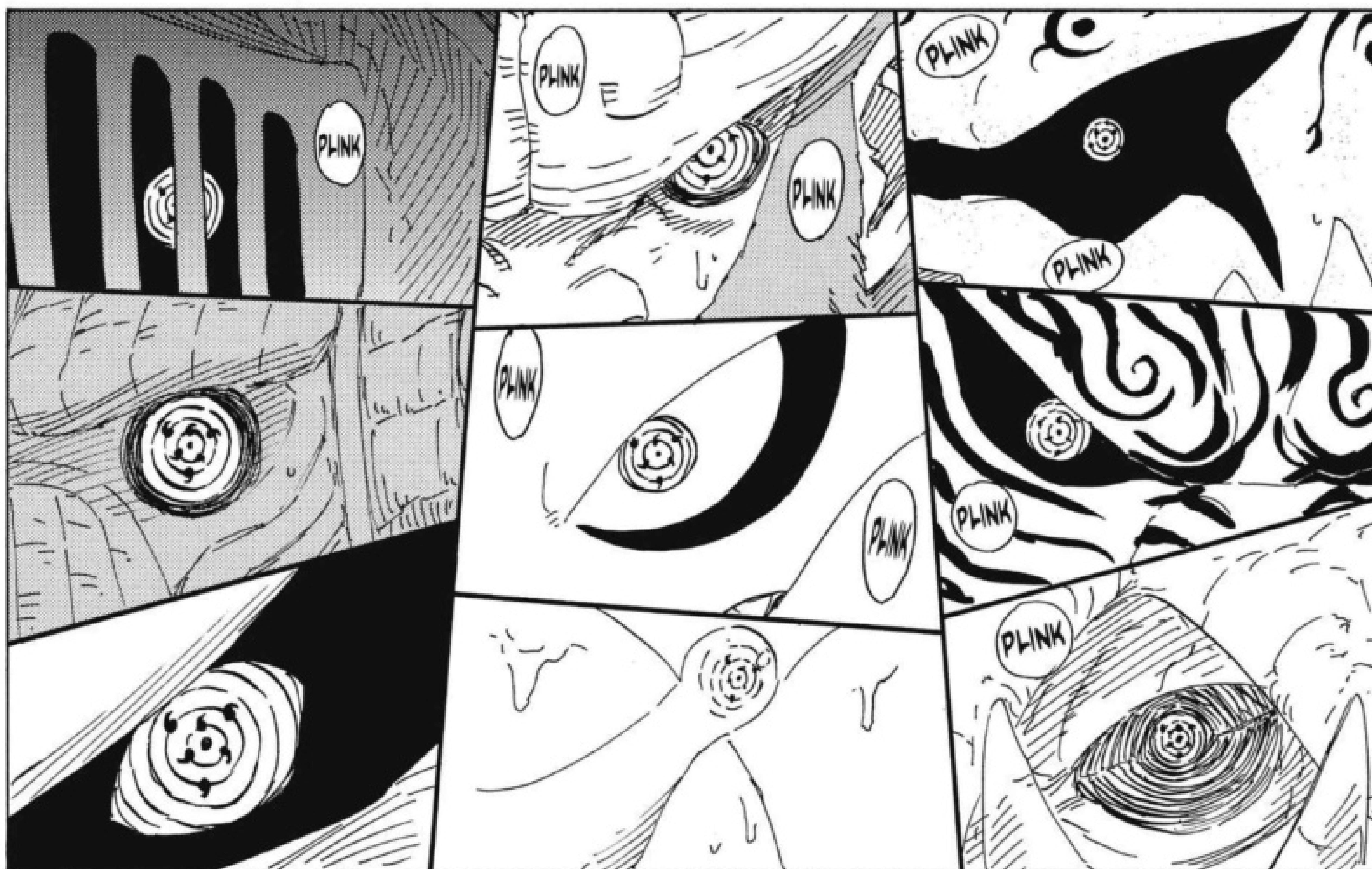
IN ANY CASE, YOU ARE NOT LIKE MY MOTHER.





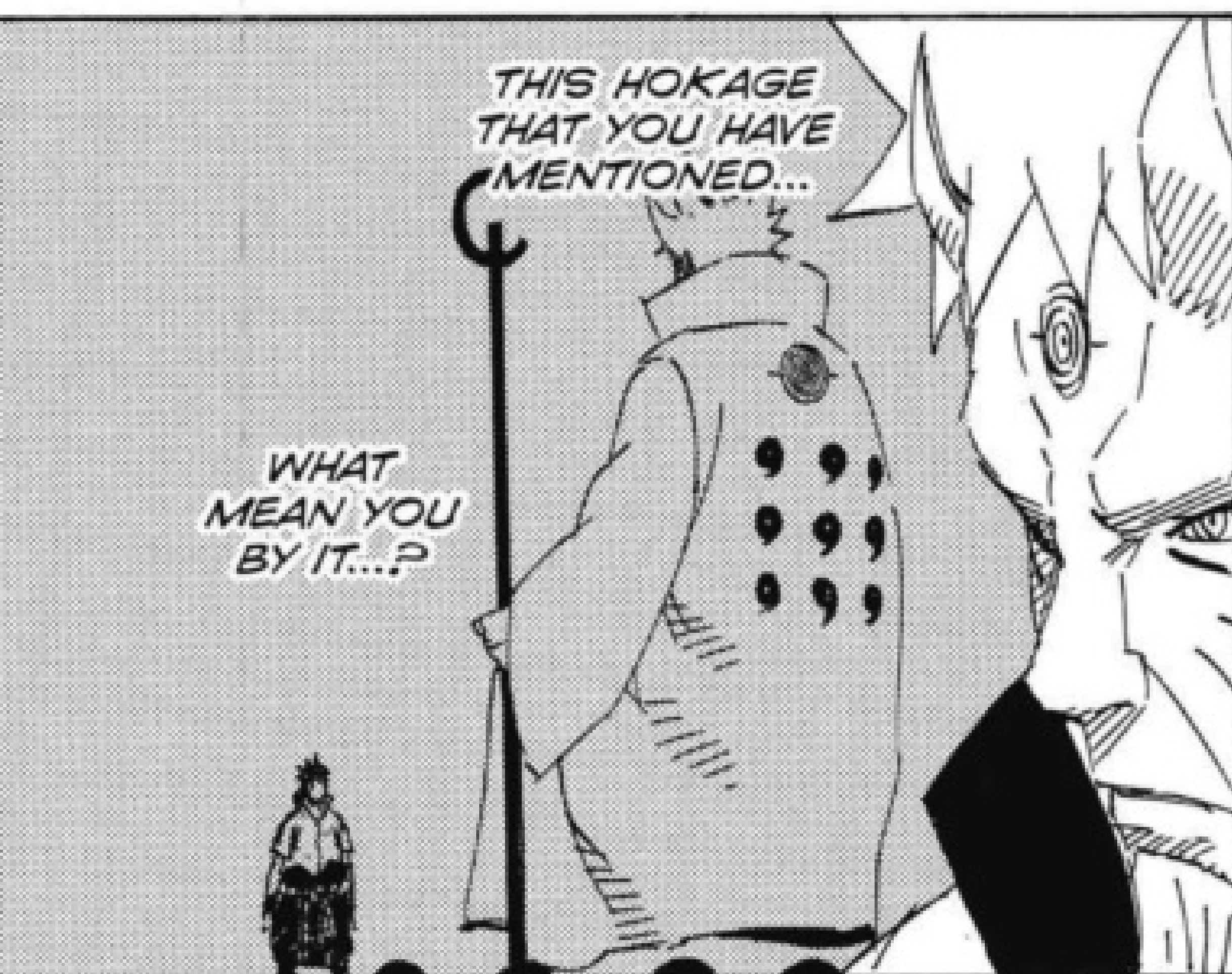
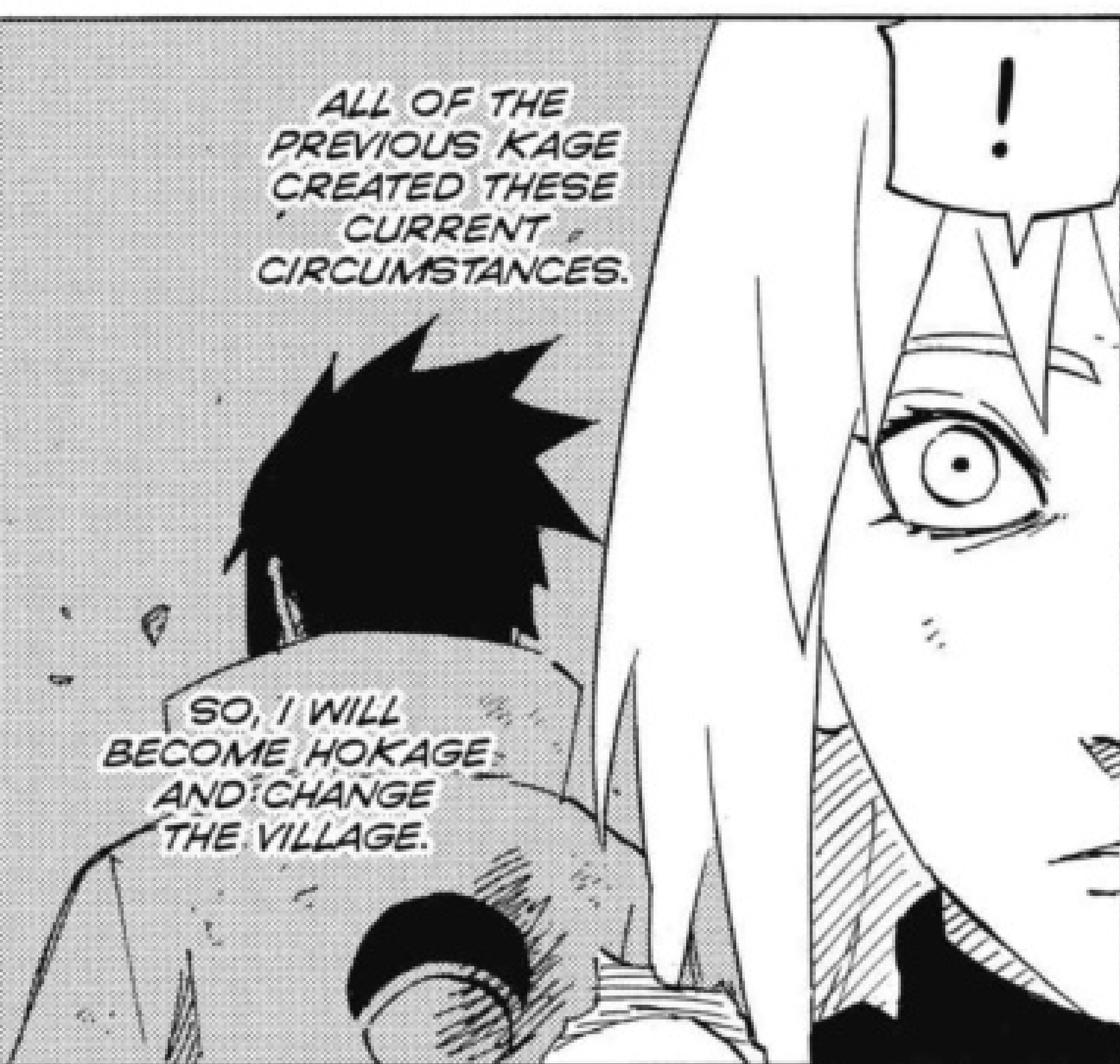
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FIRST...

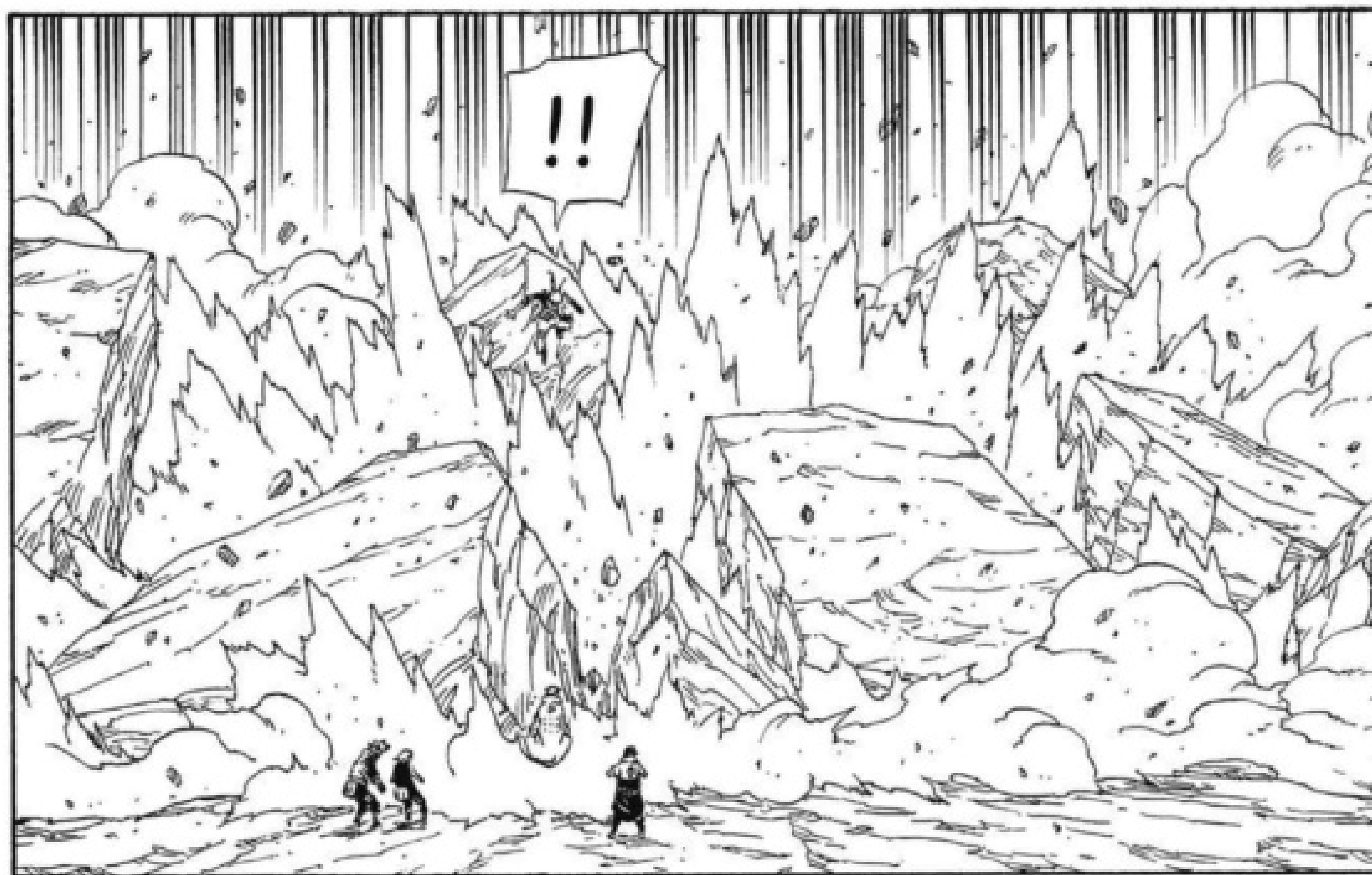
...I'M
EXECUTING
THE CURRENT
GOKAGE
INSIDE THE
INFINITE
TSUKUYOMI.













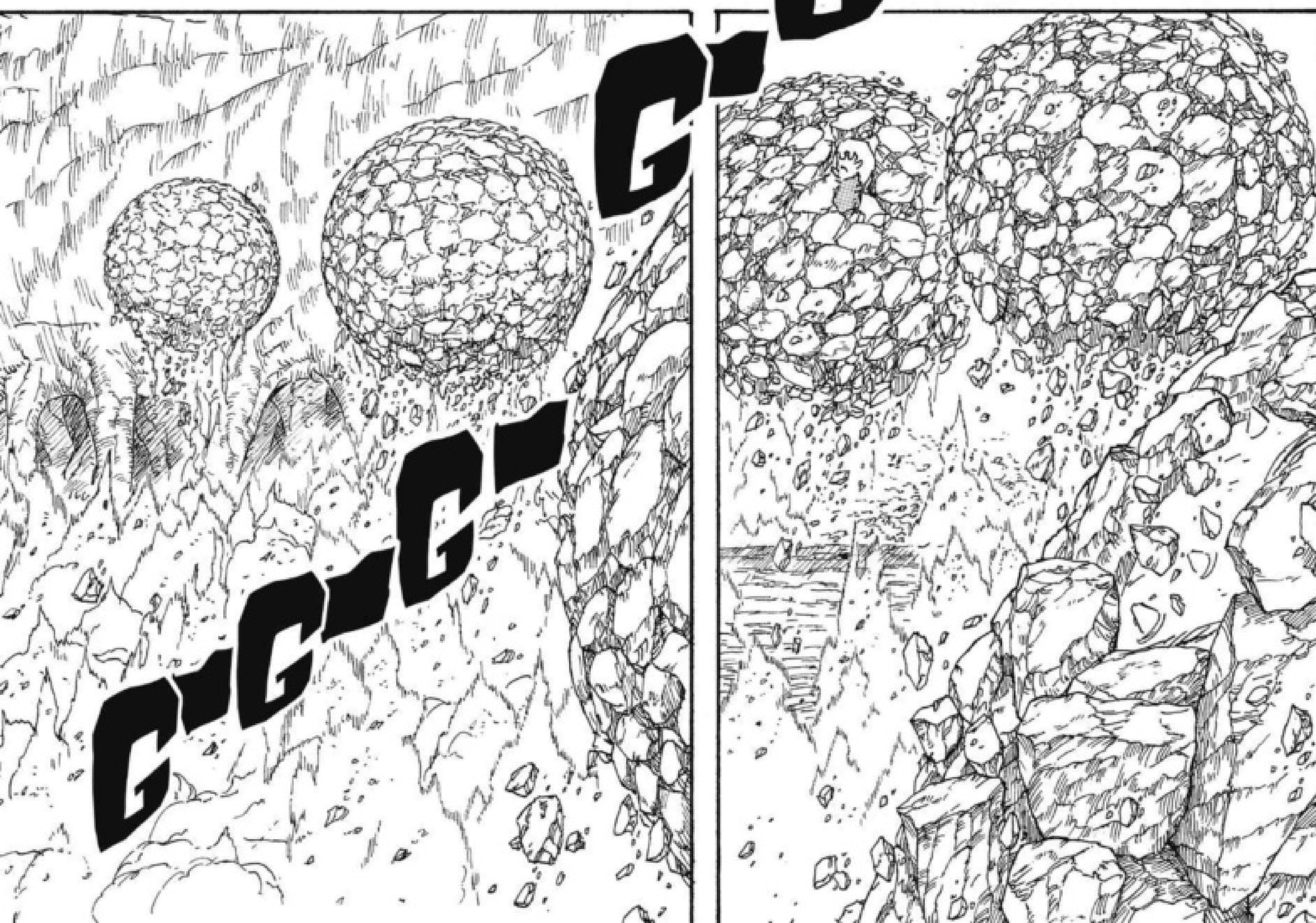
NARUTO
...

IT'S ON
YOU...

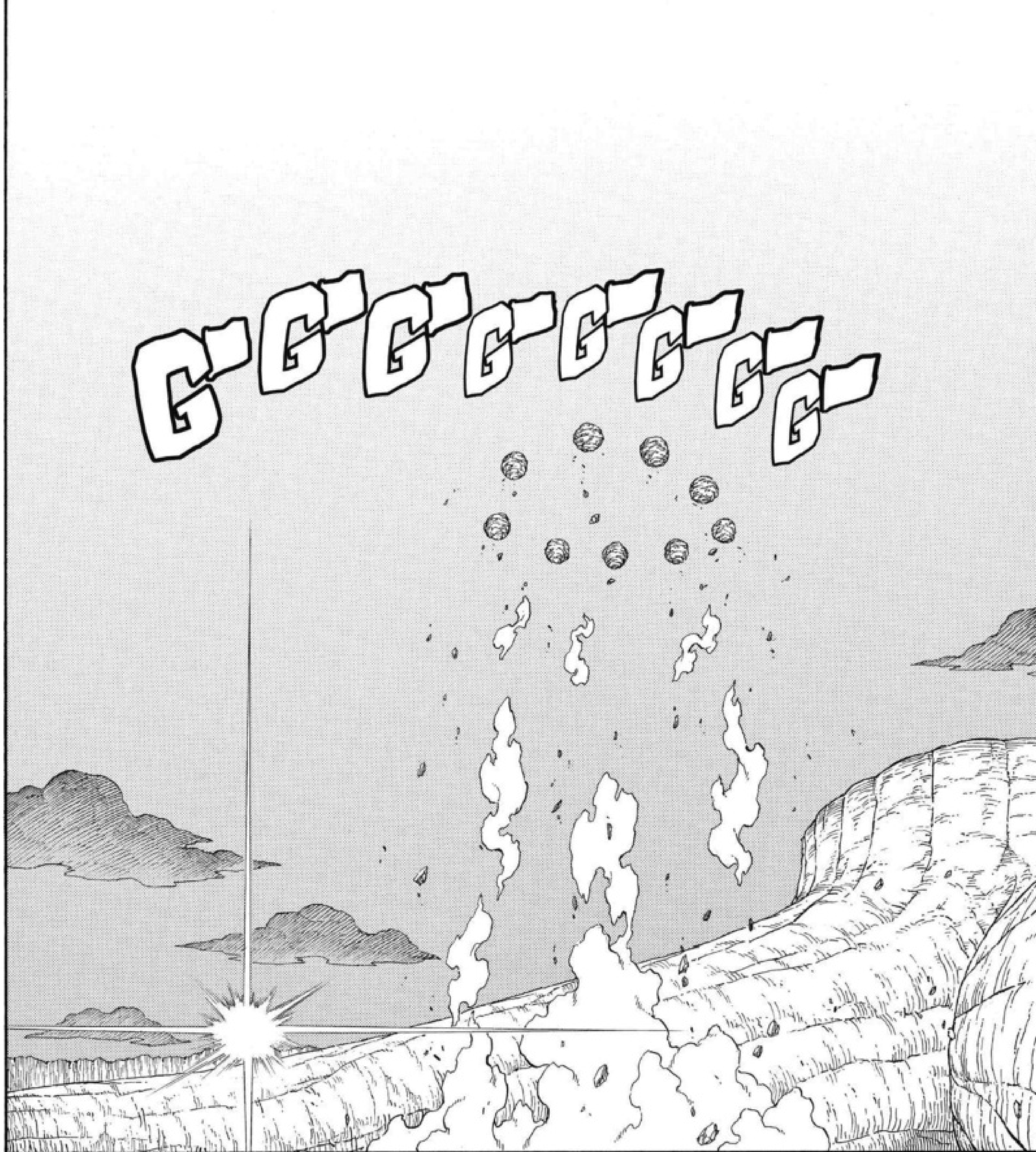


JUST
HANGIN
THERE A
LITTLE
WHILE,
OKAY?!!

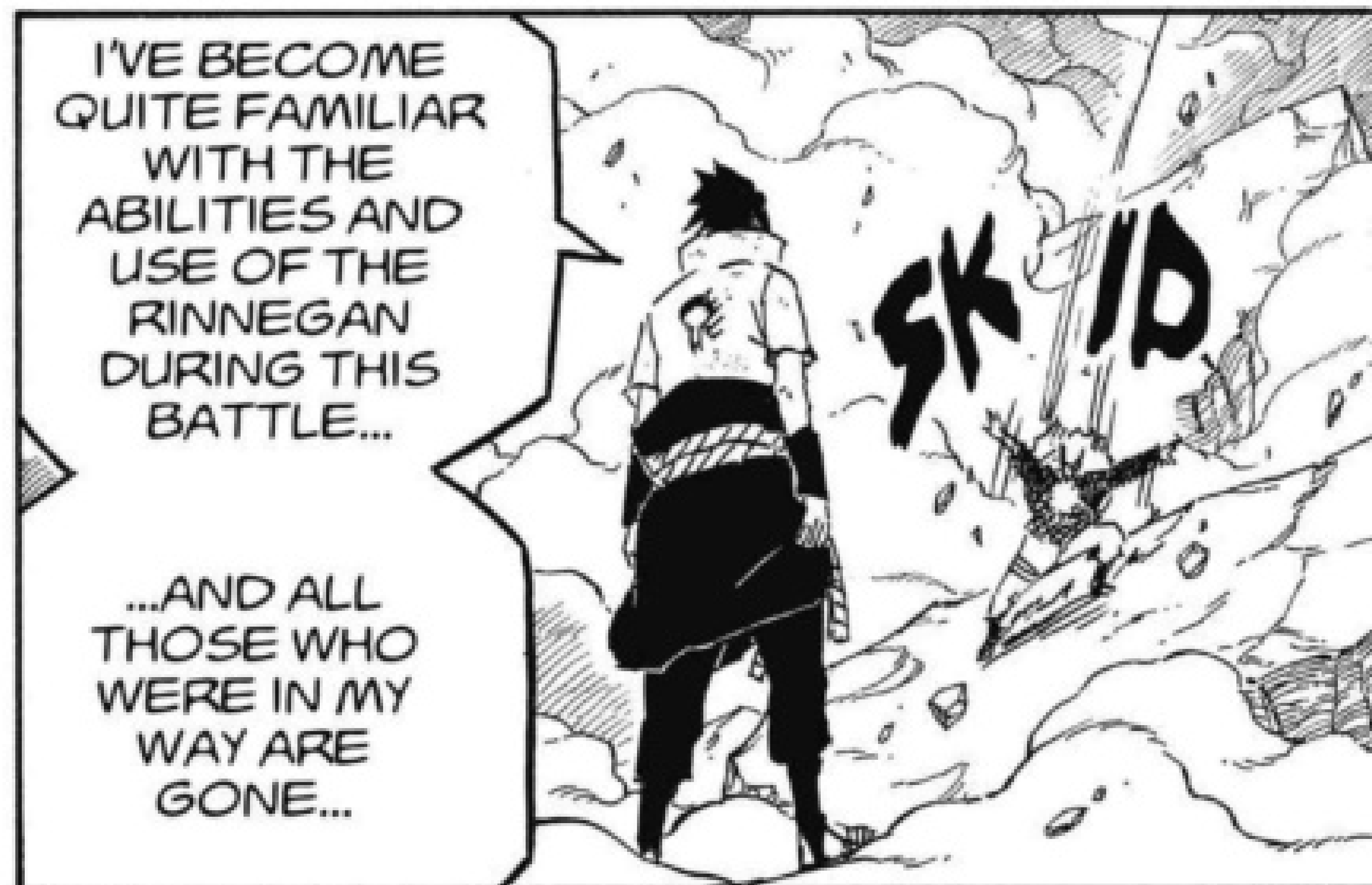
I SWEAR
TO
RESCUE
Y'ALL!!



G-G-G-G-G



EXCEPT
FOR YOU,
NARUTO.



I'VE BECOME
QUITE FAMILIAR
WITH THE
ABILITIES AND
USE OF THE
RINNEGAN
DURING THIS
BATTLE...

...AND ALL
THOSE WHO
WERE IN MY
WAY ARE
GONE...



THIS TIME, I
BEQUEATHED IT
TO BOTH, YET
IT STILL ENDED
UP THE SAME
WAY...

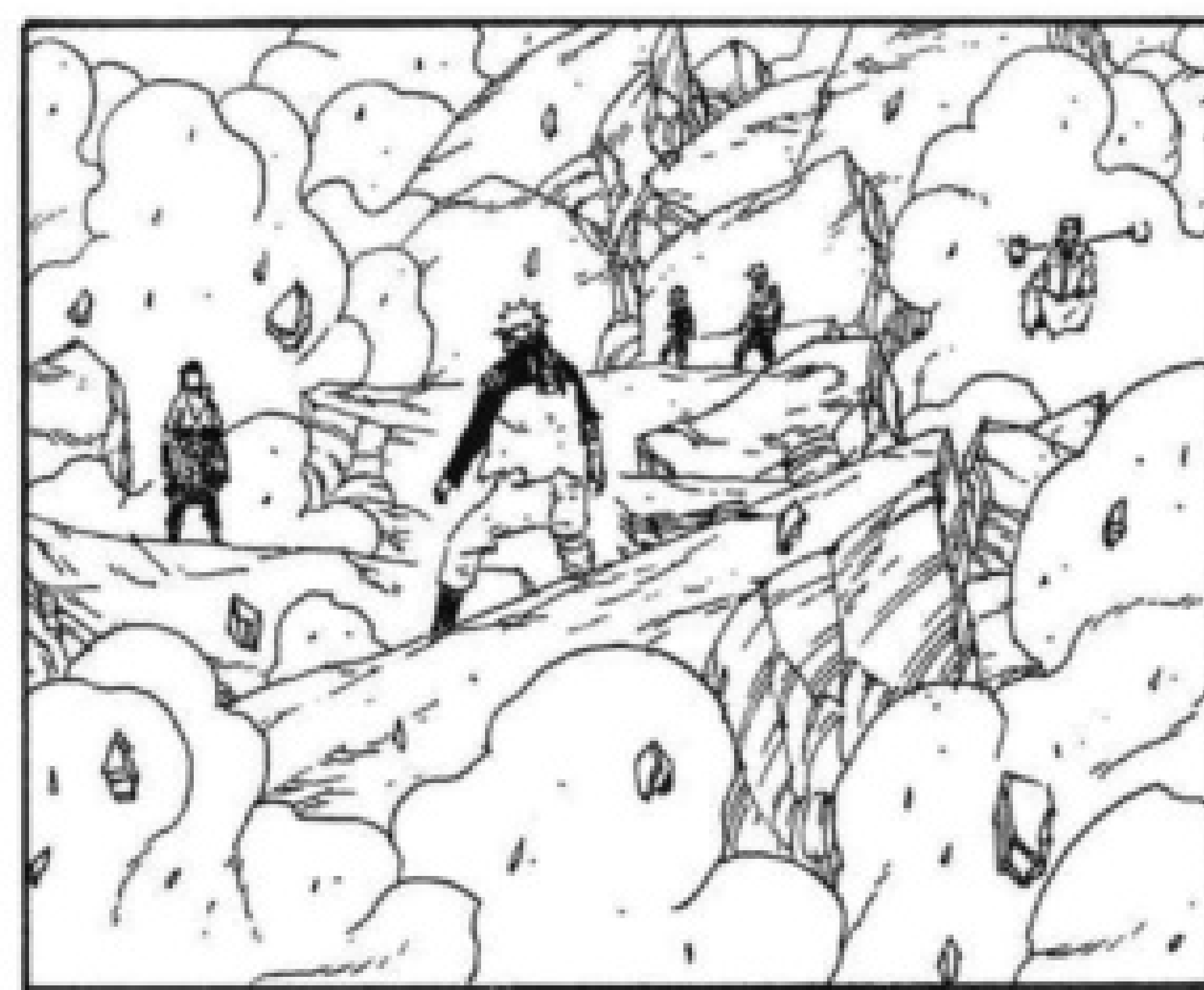
WHEN I
BEQUEATHED
POWER TO
JUST ONE
SIDE, I ENDED
UP WITH INDRA
AND ASHURA.



THINGS...
JUST DON'T
GO AS
PLANNED.



...0007



...IS
GONNA
END
HERE
AND
NOW!

NOPE...

ALL
SIBLING
SQUABBLING
...

END OF SERIES COMMEMORATION ILLUSTRATION (2) MIKIO IKEMOTO

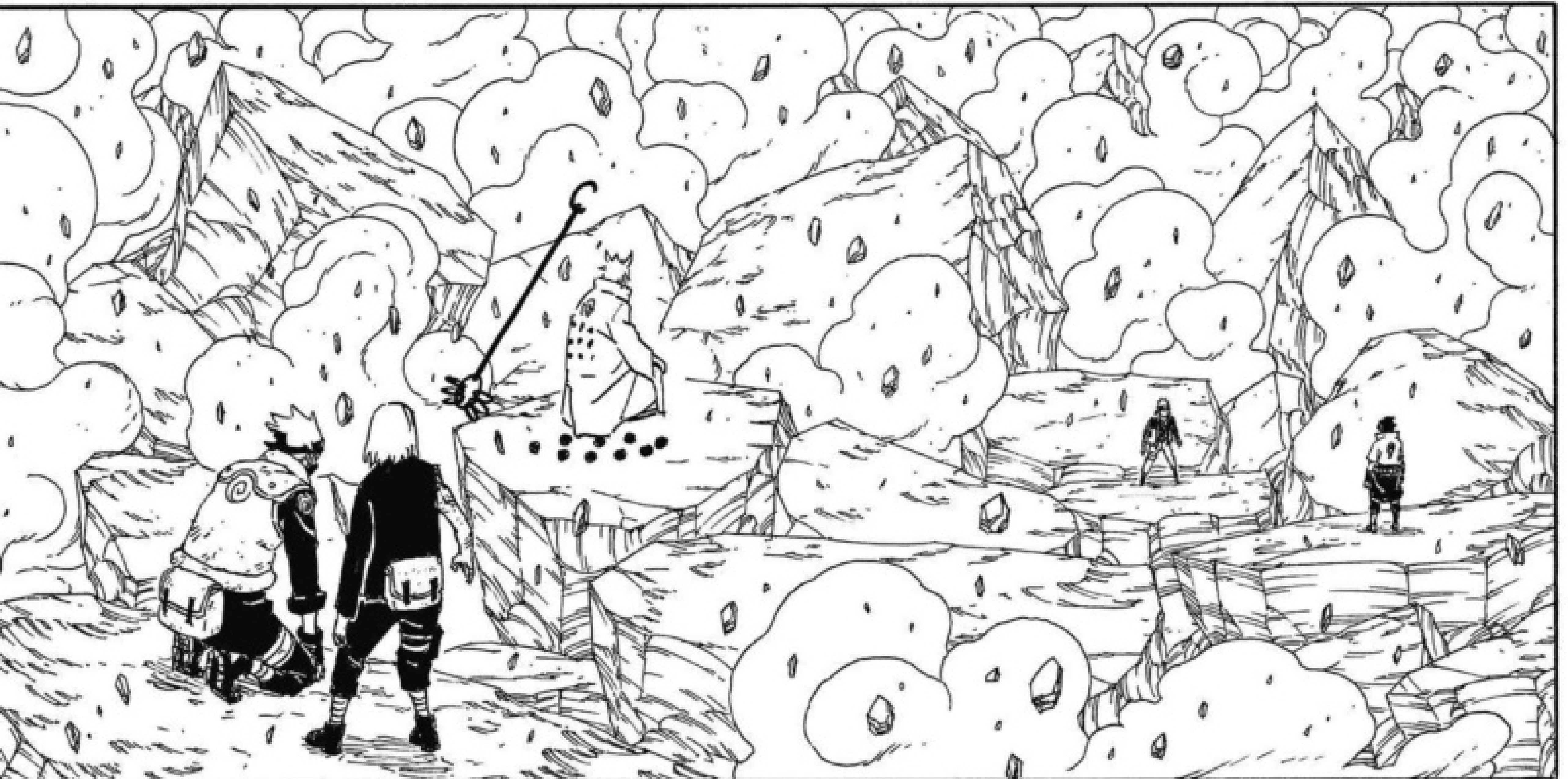
THE EXCITING NINJACOMIC NARUTO



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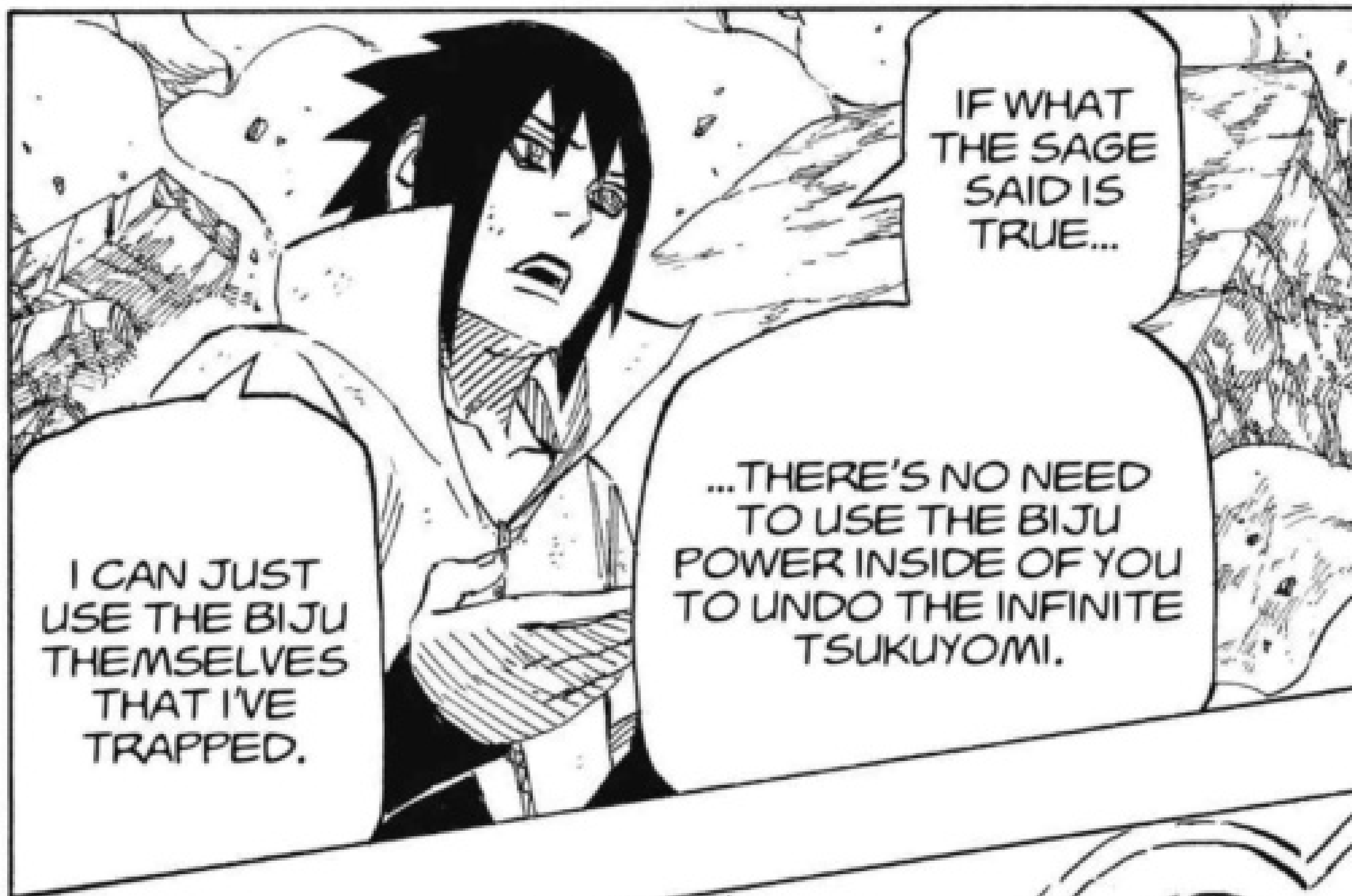


OUT OF
NECESSITY.

IN SHORT,
YOU'RE
GOING
TO DIE,
NARUTO.



SO I'LL LET
THEM LIVE
UNTIL THEN.



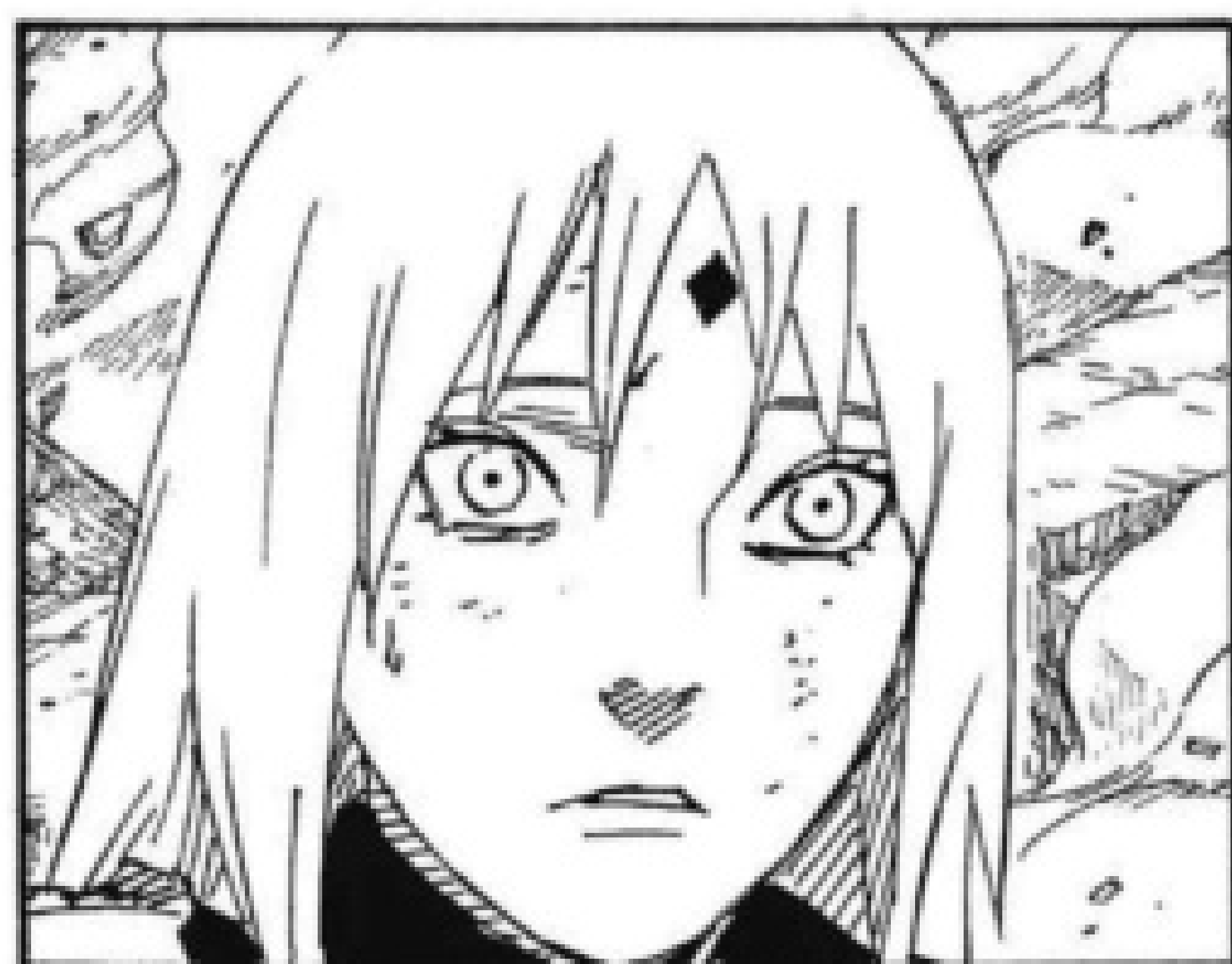
I CAN JUST
USE THE BIJU
THEMSELVES
THAT I'VE
TRAPPED.

...THERE'S NO NEED
TO USE THE BIJU
POWER INSIDE OF YOU
TO UNDO THE INFINITE
TSUKUYOMI.

IF WHAT
THE SAGE
SAID IS
TRUE...



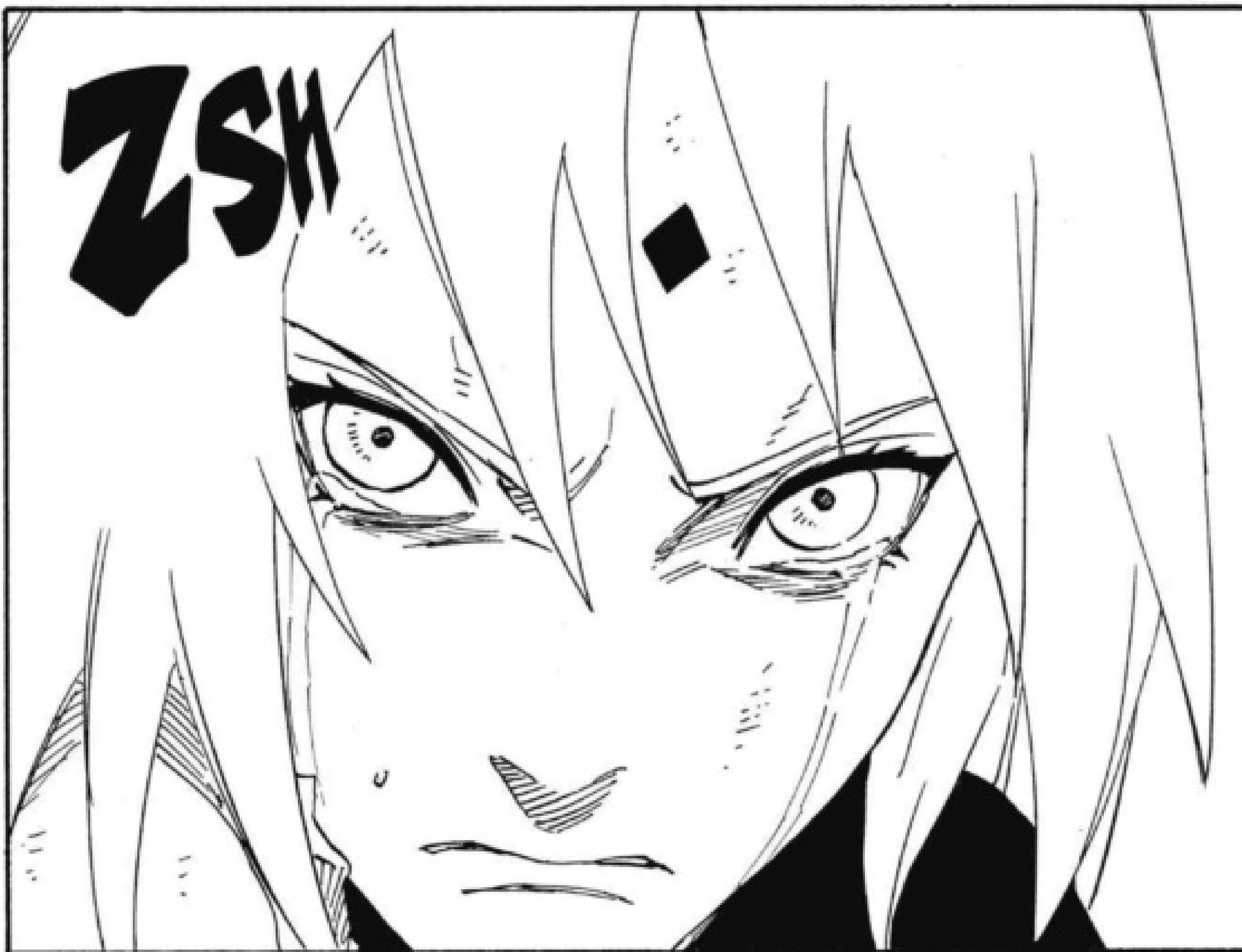
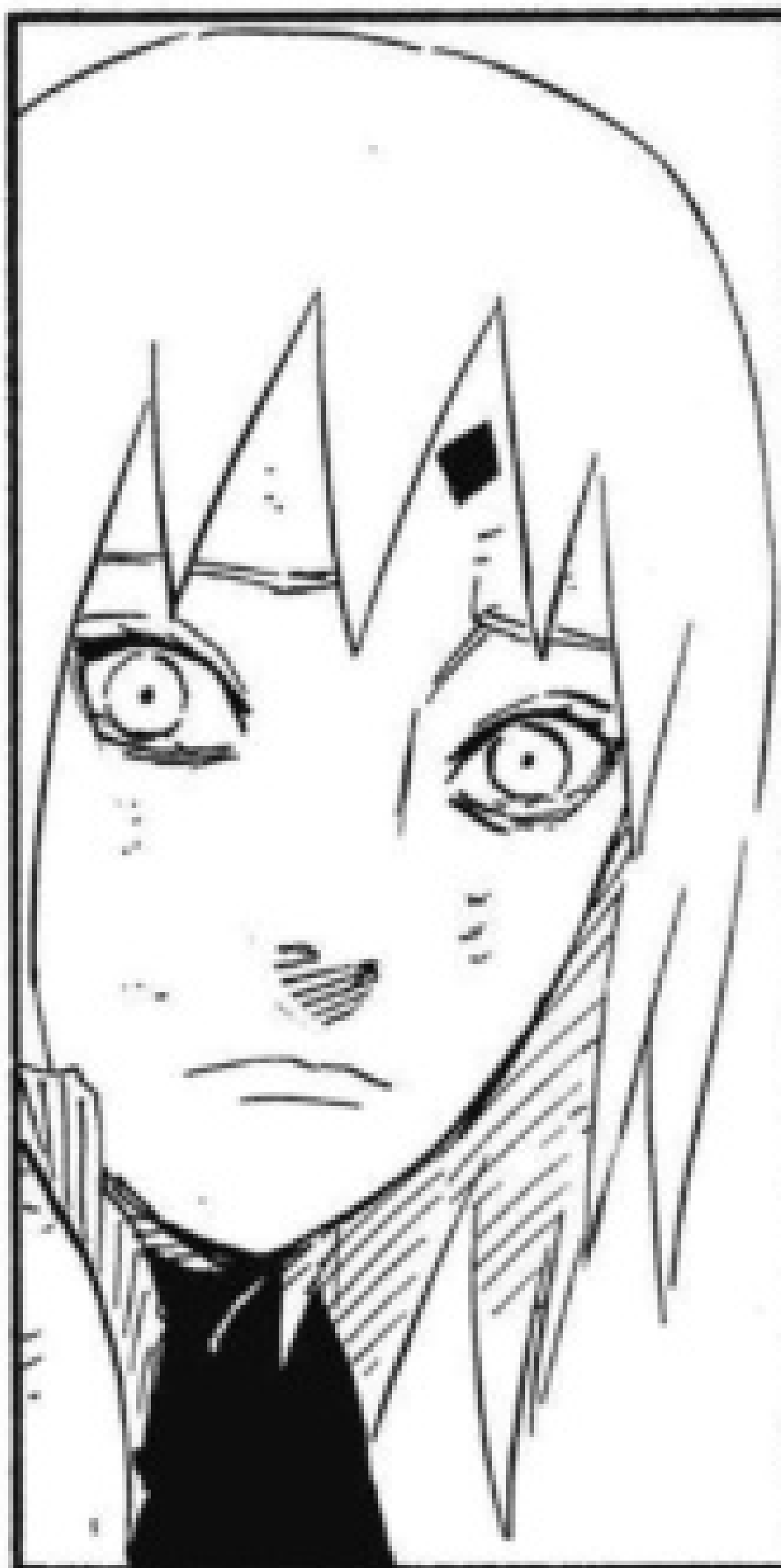
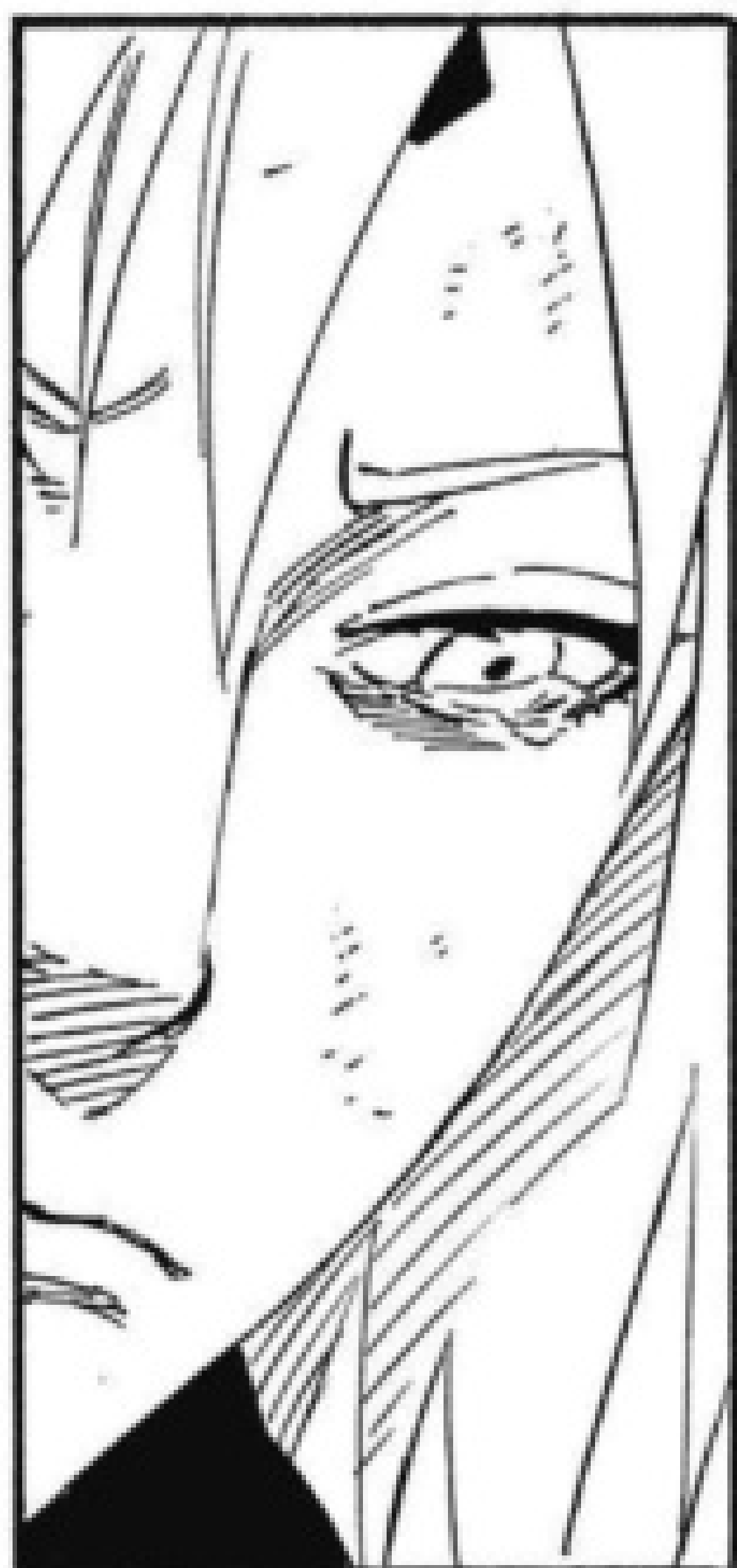
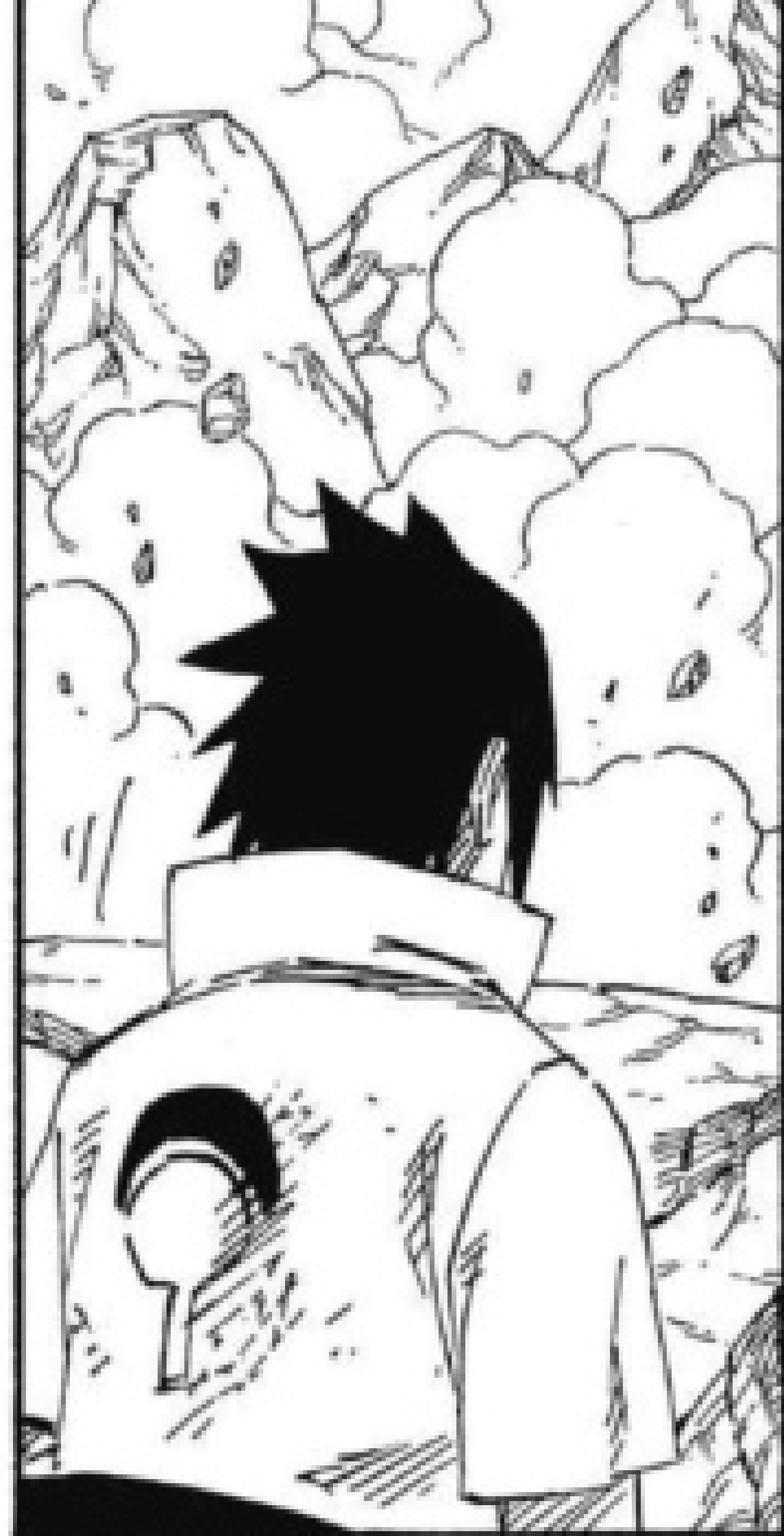
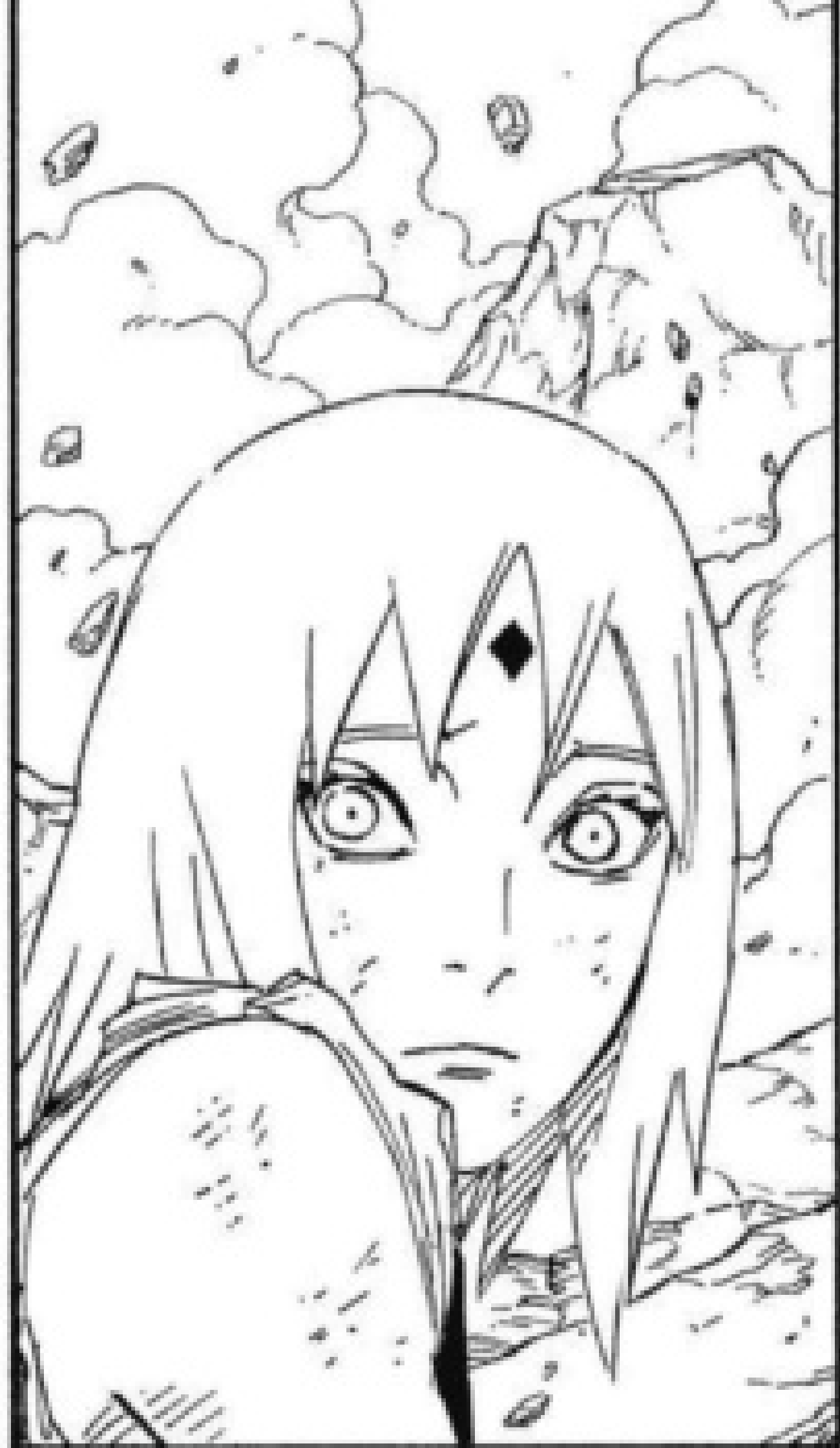
I WON'T
LET YOU
DO ANY
HARM TO
THEM...



YOU
KNOW
THAT,
RIGHT?!









I CAN ONLY
WHINE, BEG,
AND CRY LIKE
THIS AGAIN.

I CAN'T
GET
CLOSE
TO YOU...

...OR
EXCHANGE
BLOWS
WITH
YOU...

IT'S
TOTALLY
PITIFUL,
ISN'T IT?!



...



THANK
YOU.



...EVEN
THOUGH
I LOVE
YOU!!

I...

EVEN
THOUGH I
CARE SO
MUCH
ABOUT YOU,
SASUKE!!

I KNOW IN MY
HEART THAT
THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO...



TAT...



...LIKE THE
OLD TIMES
AGAIN,
SOMEDAY...

IF WE JUST
STICK
TOGETHER,
I KNOW IT
CAN BE...



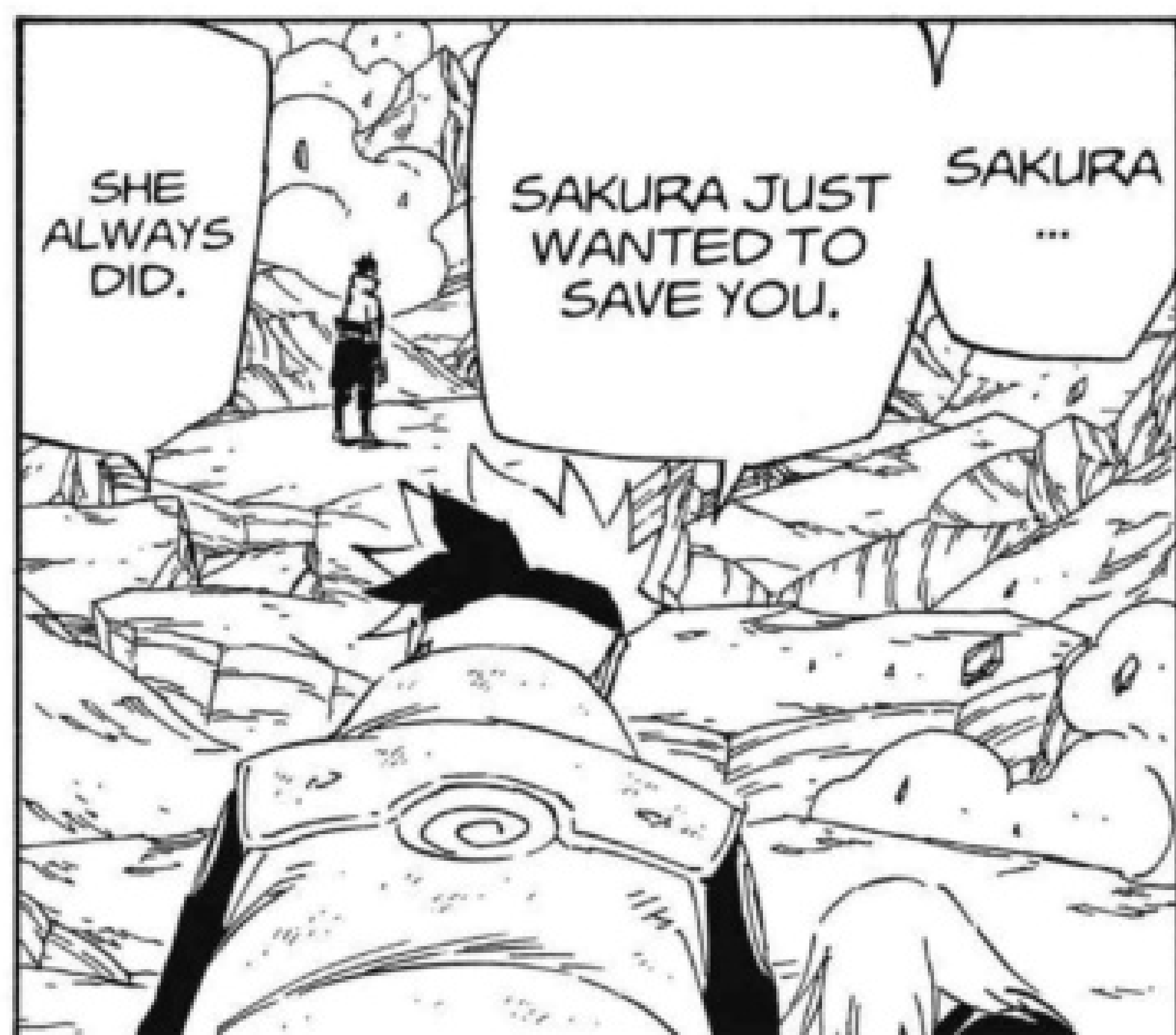
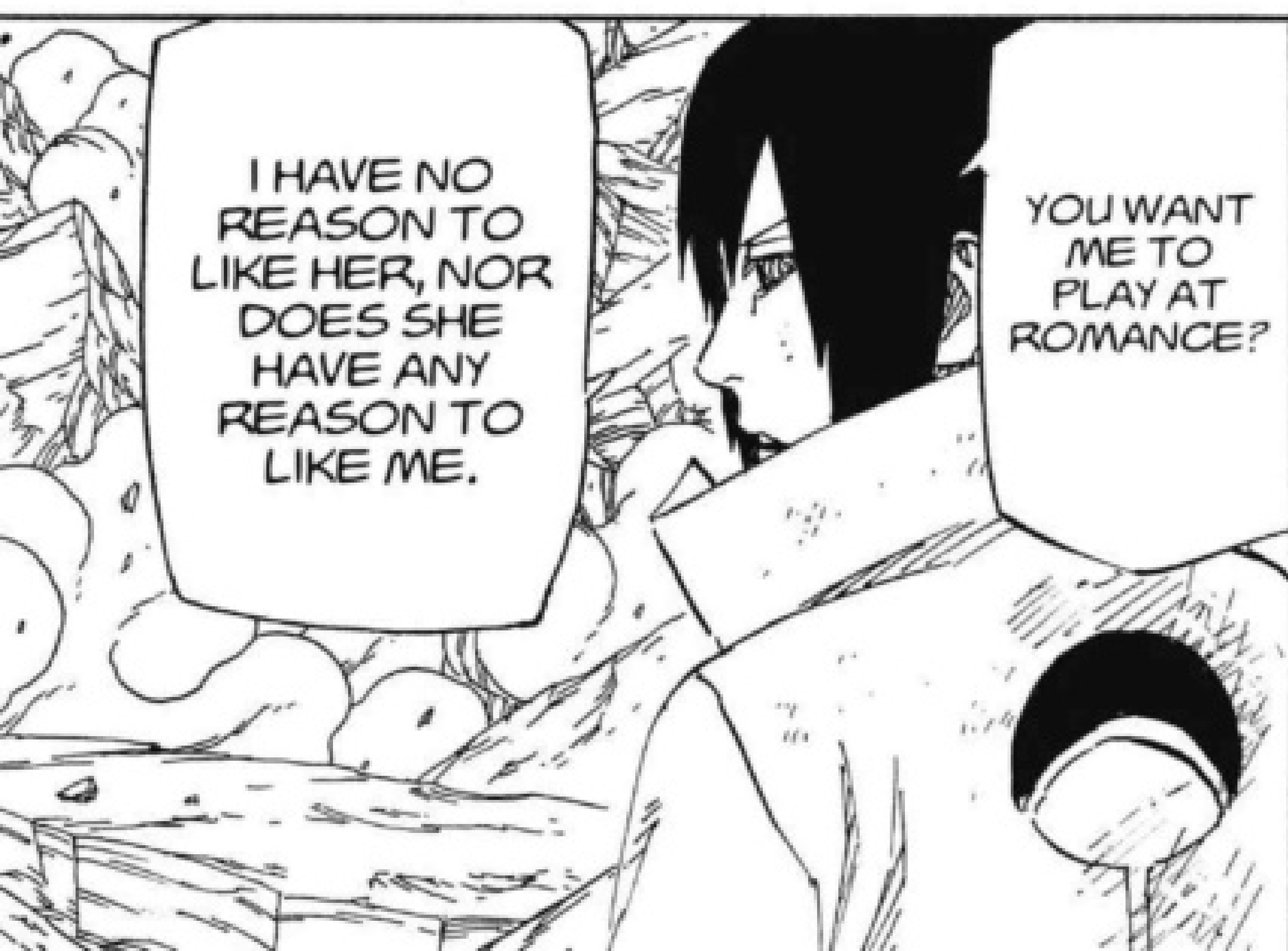
IF THERE'S
EVEN A LITTLE
CORNER OF
YOUR HEART
THAT THINKS
ABOUT ME...

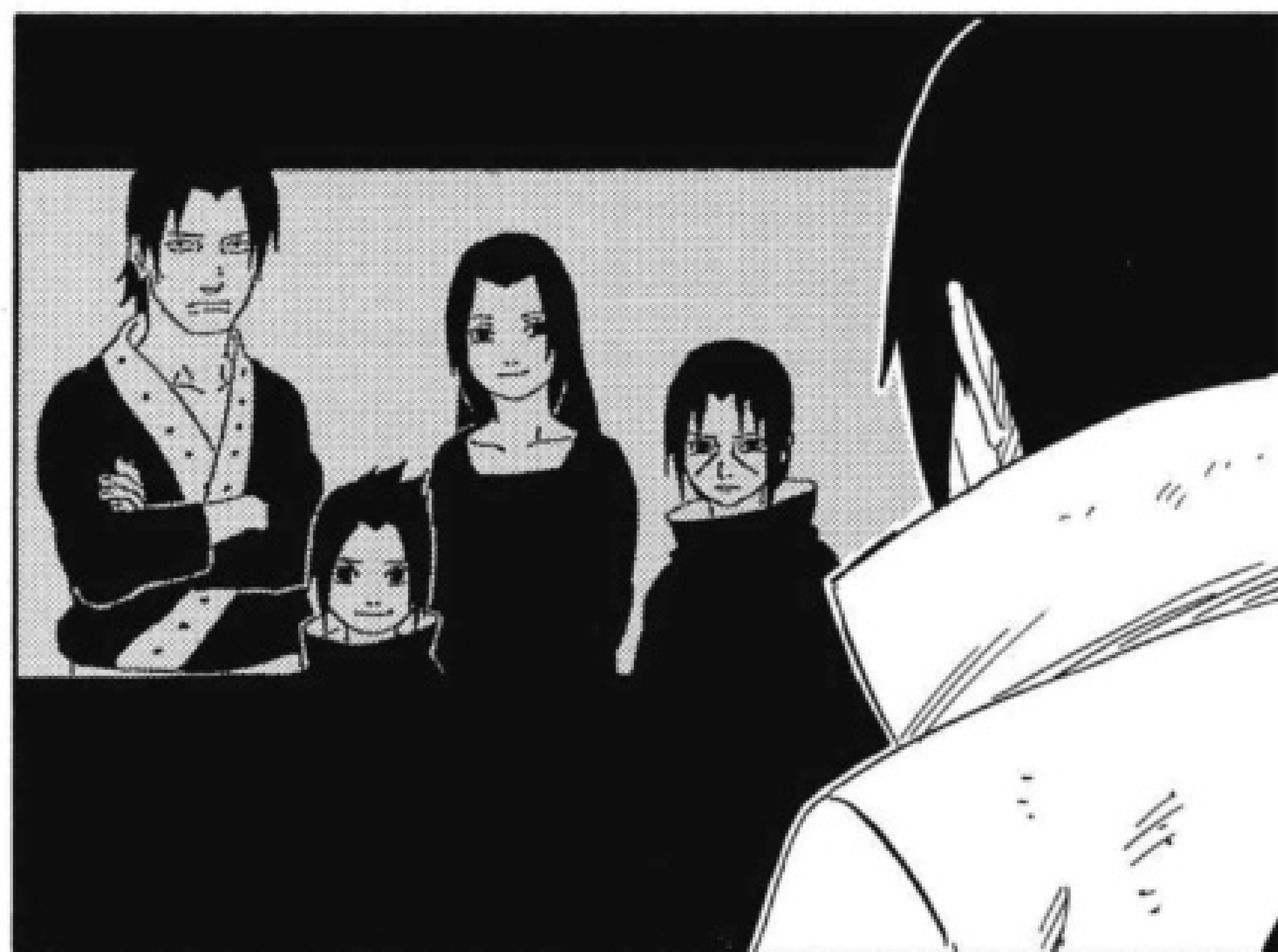
BUT,
SASUKE!

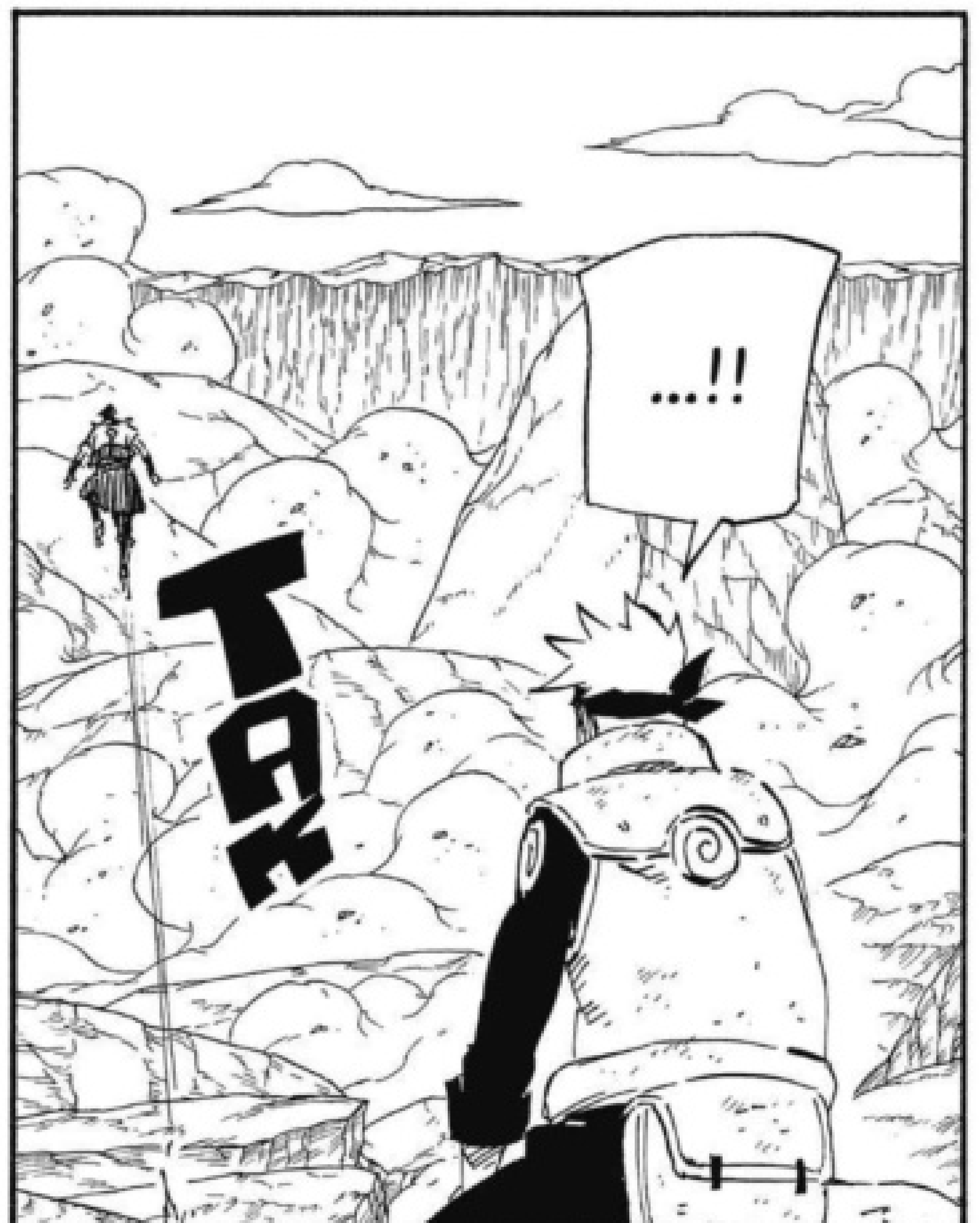
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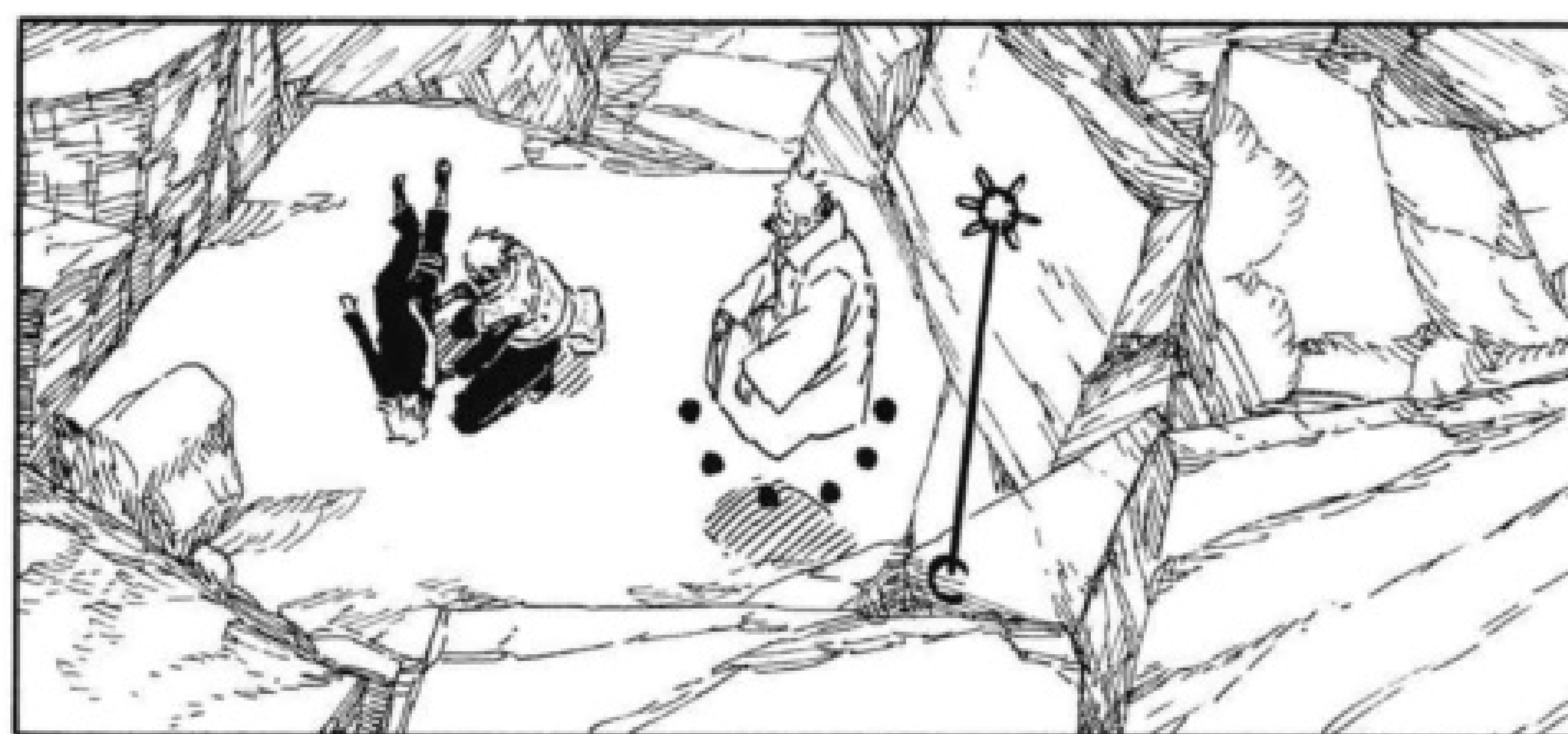
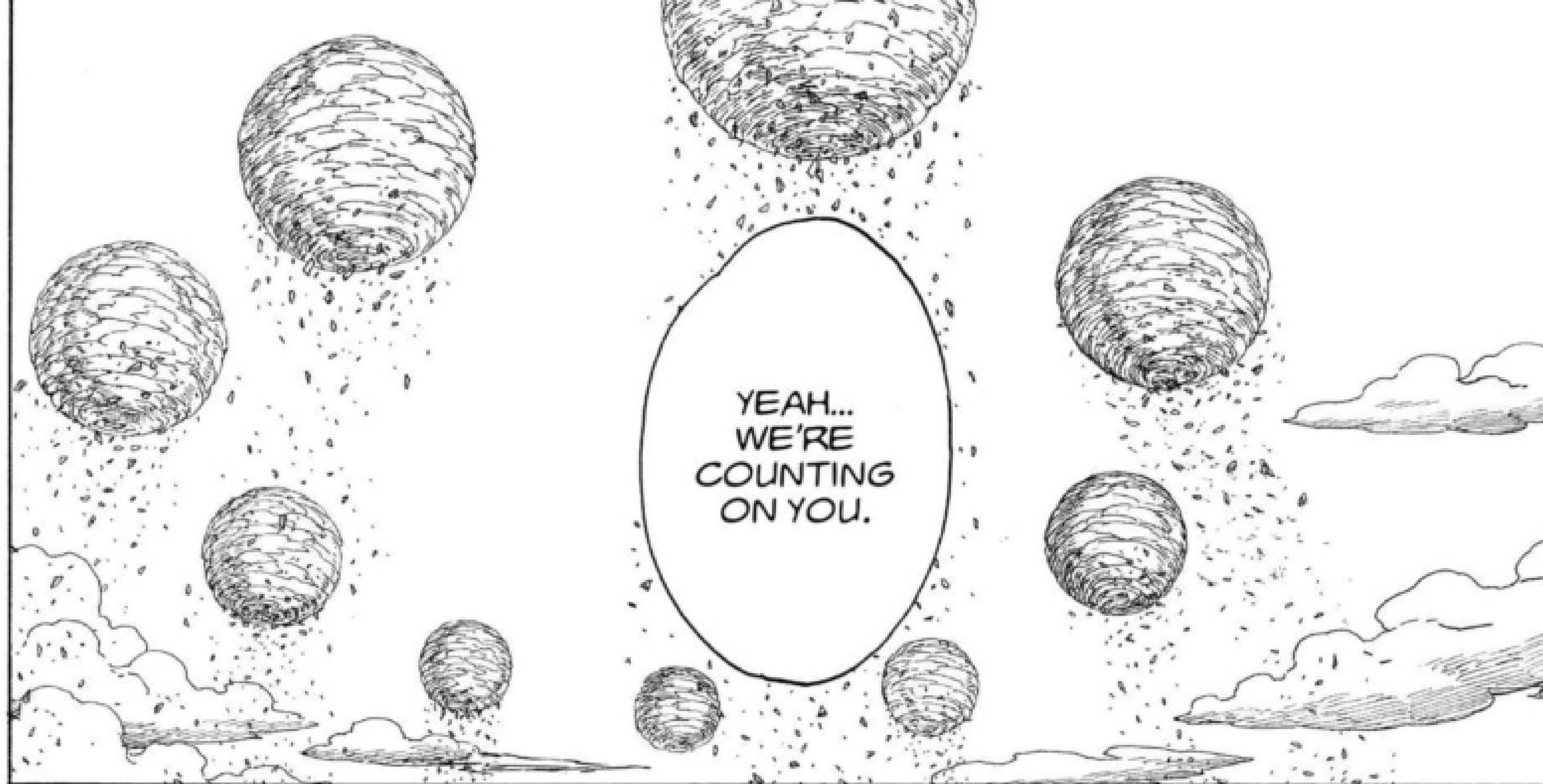
...PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
AGAIN!

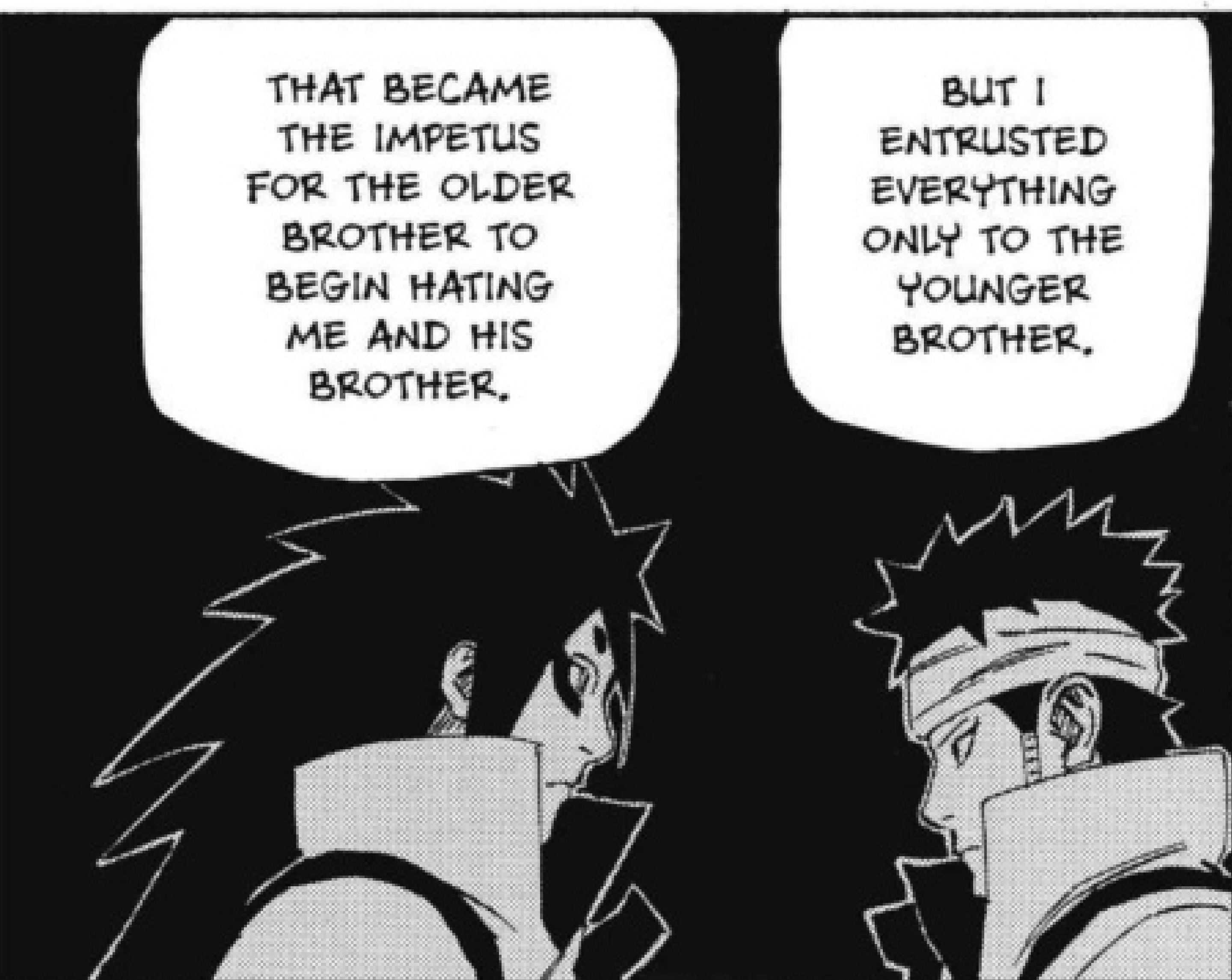












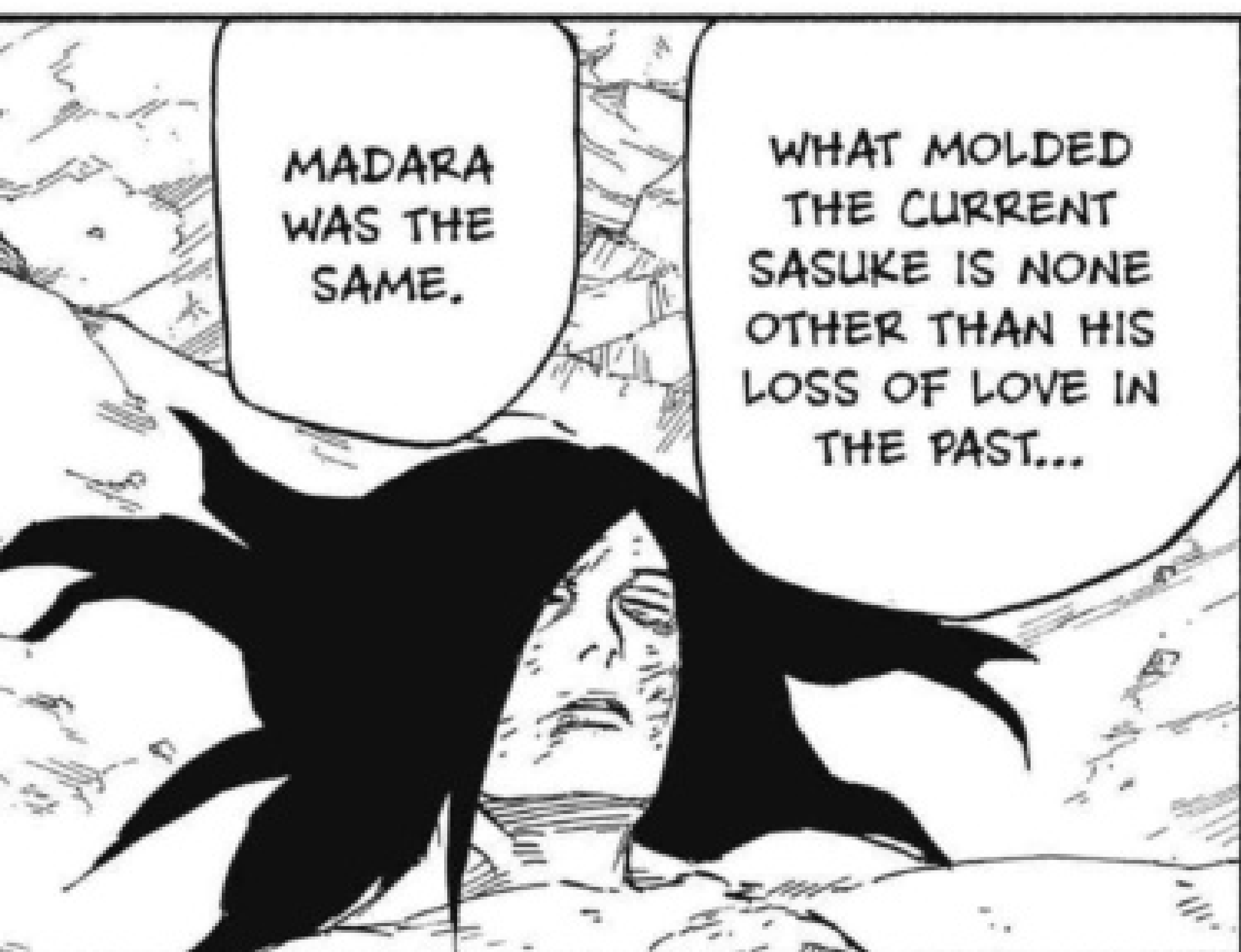
THAT BECAME
THE IMPETUS
FOR THE OLDER
BROTHER TO
BEGIN HATING
ME AND HIS
BROTHER.

BUT I
ENTRUSTED
EVERYTHING
ONLY TO THE
YOUNGER
BROTHER.



I LOVED
THEM BOTH,
AND THEY
REVERED
ME.

I, TOO,
ONCE
HAD TWO
CHILDREN.



MADARA
WAS THE
SAME.

WHAT MOLDED
THE CURRENT
SASUKE IS NONE
OTHER THAN HIS
LOSS OF LOVE IN
THE PAST...



LOVE HAD
TRANSFORMED
INTO HATE.



...THIS TIME
I GAVE BOTH
OF THEM THE
POWER.

HAVING
LEARNED
FROM PAST
MISTAKES...

I, TOO, WANT
TO MAKE
THE FUTURE
BETTER, IN
MY OWN
WAY.

NOT AT
ALL...



ARE YOU
SAYING
SASUKE
WILL
SHARE...

...THE
SAME
FATE AS
MADARA?

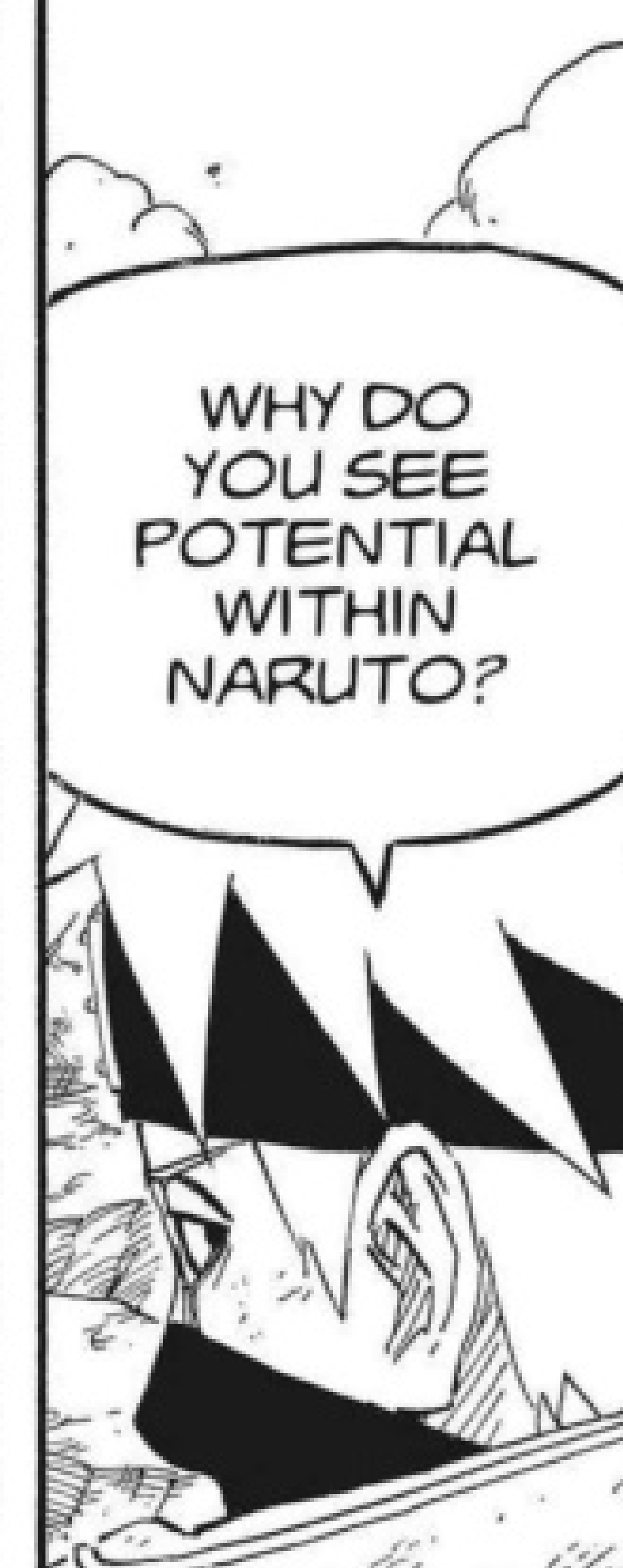


I THINK I
SHALL LET
NARUTO
HANDLE
THIS...



THE BOY WAS
ABLE TO SAVE
AND BEFRIEND
KURAMA, WHO
HAD BECOME A
CONCRETION OF
HATRED...

UZUMAKI
NARUTO...



WHY DO
YOU SEE
POTENTIAL
WITHIN
NARUTO?



THE PAST IS
SUPPOSED TO
EXIST FOR
THE FUTURE.

THE PAST DOES
NOT EXIST TO
REMINDE THE
PRESENT THAT THE
FUTURE CANNOT
CHANGE.



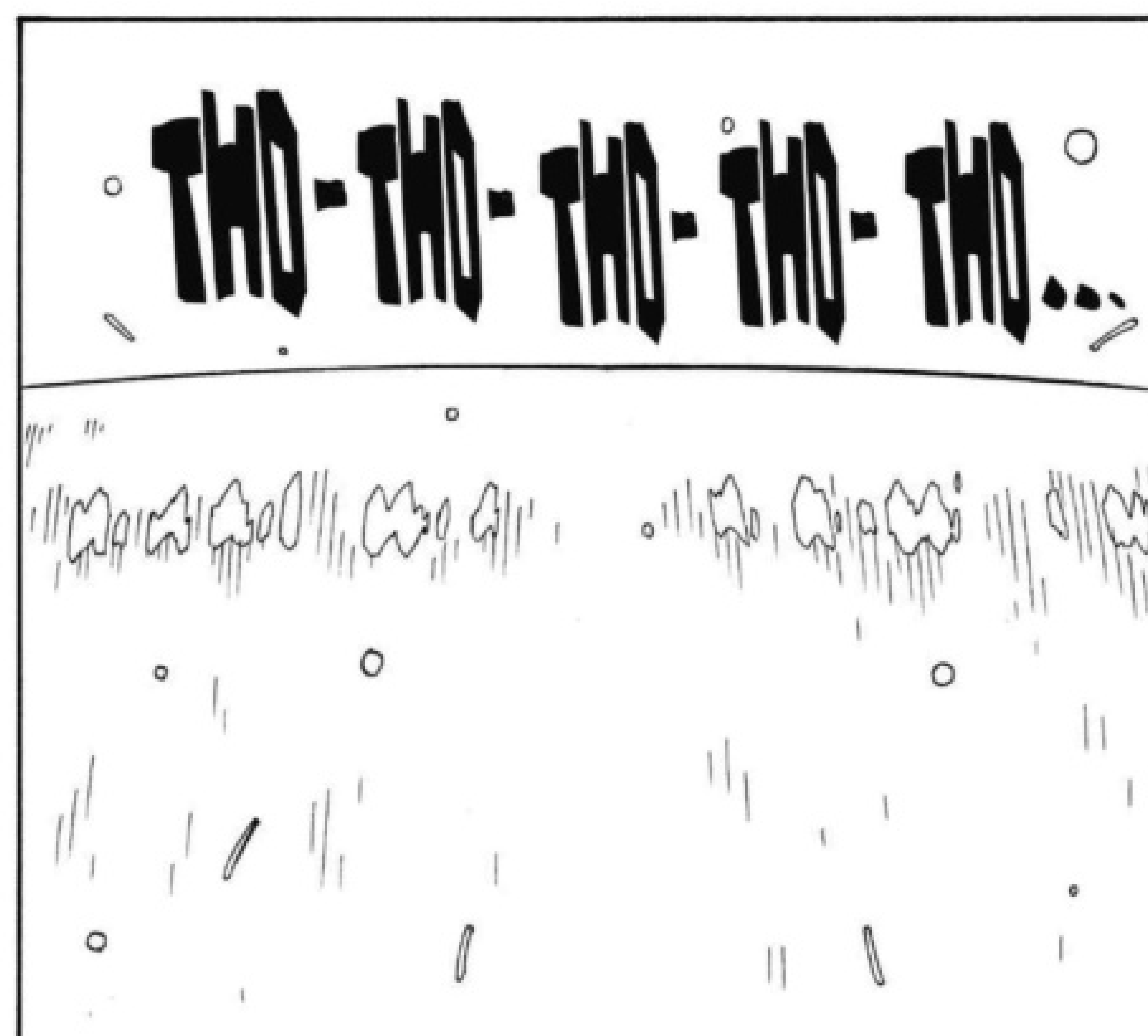
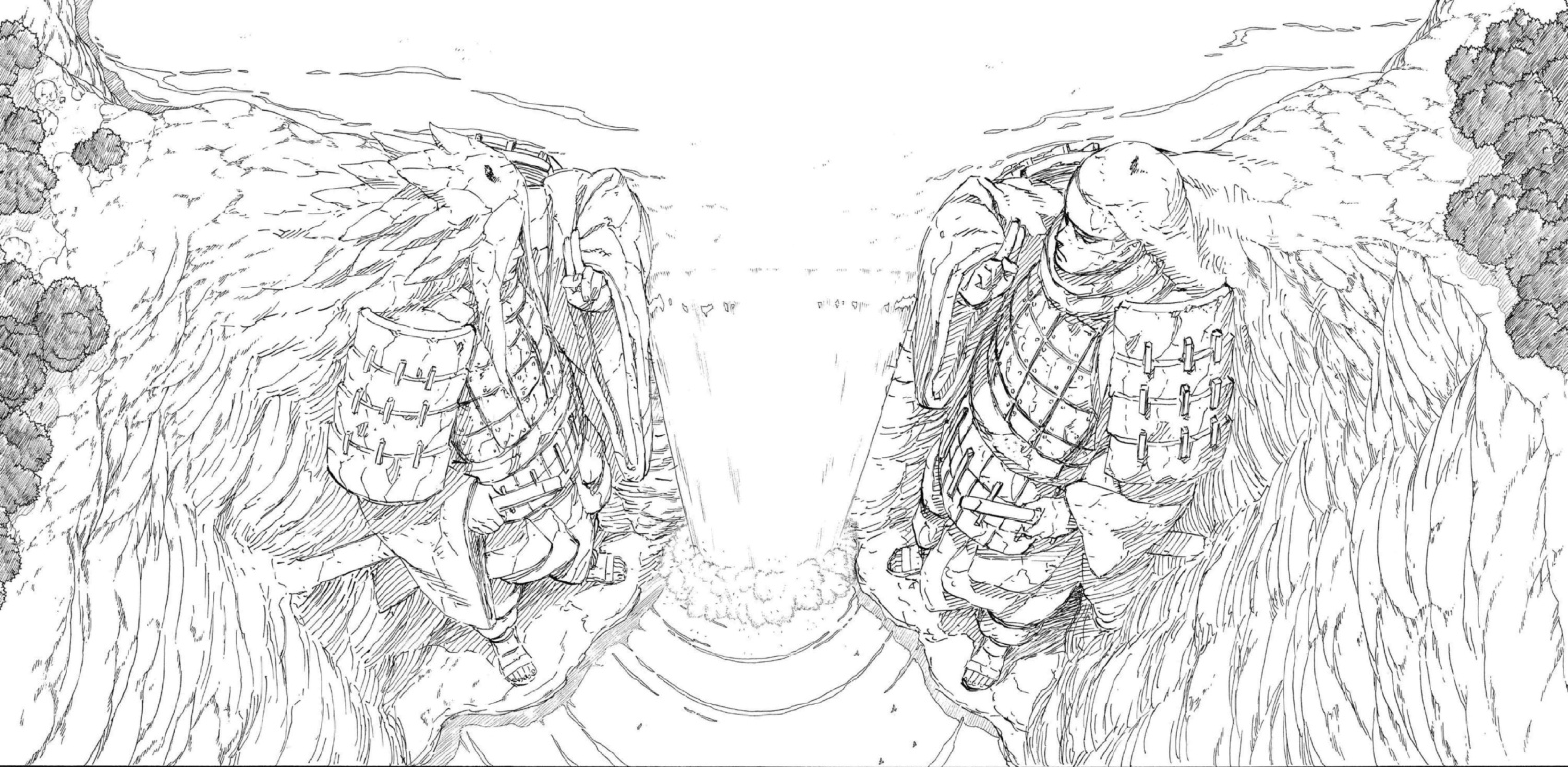
...NARUTO,
AS WELL AS
SASUKE, KNOWS
WHAT LOVE IS.

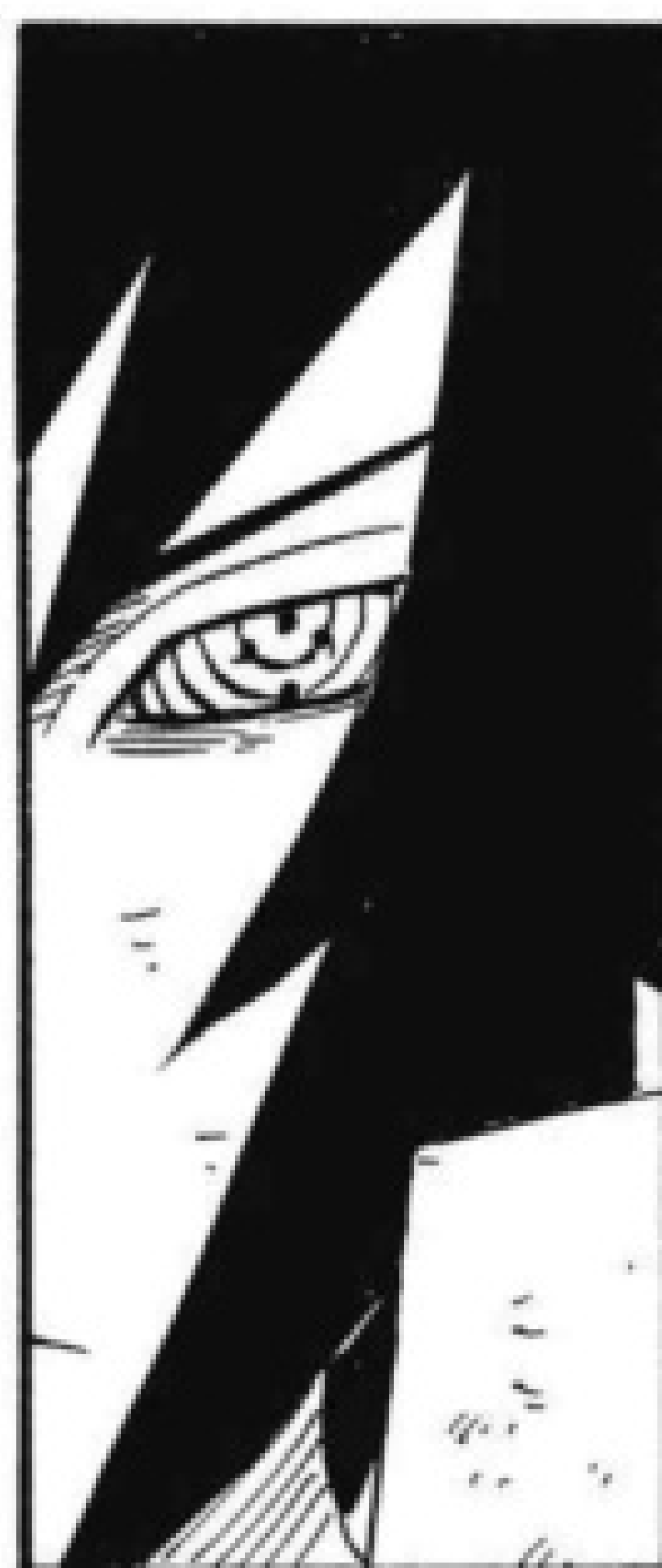
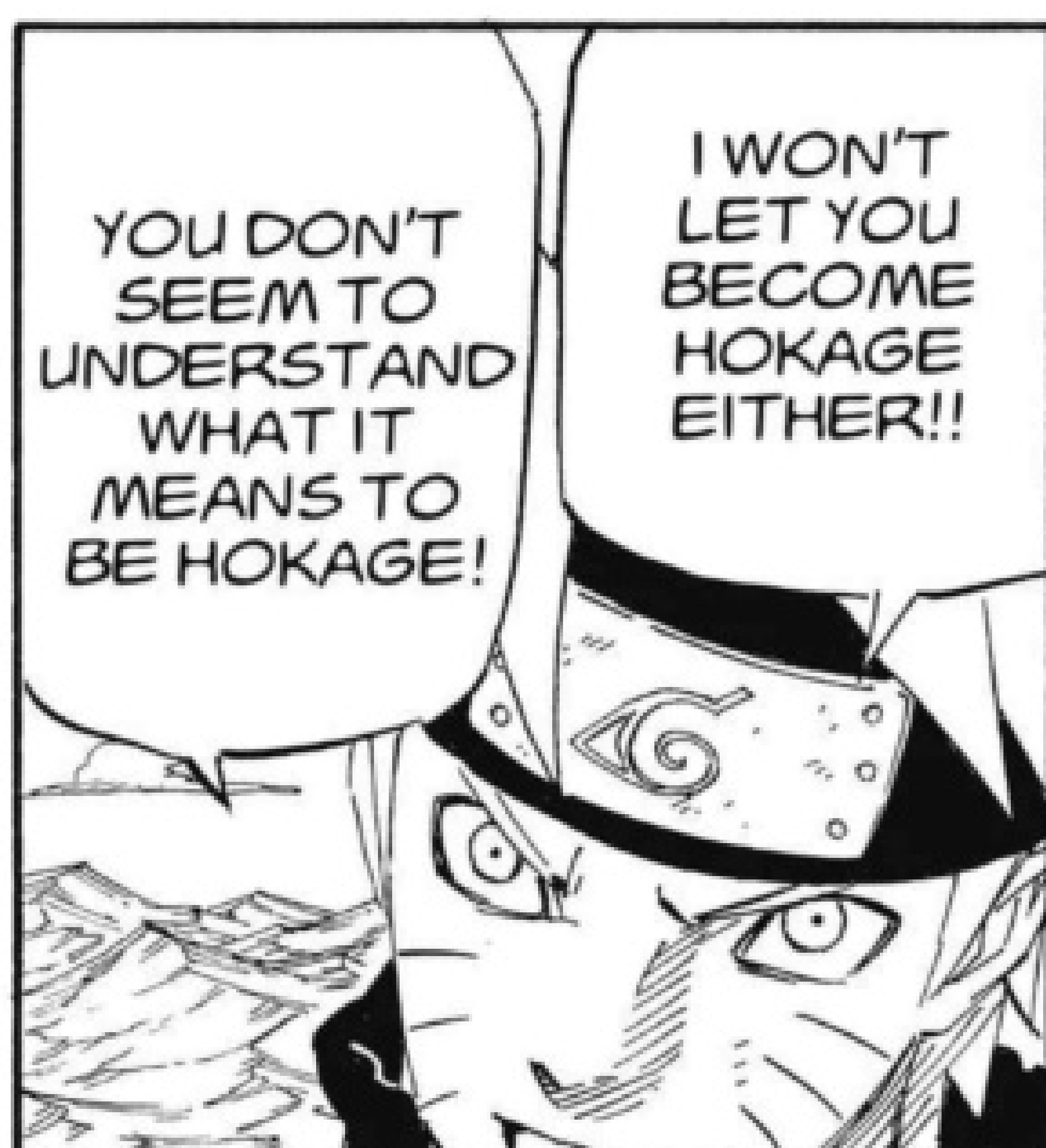
SINCE,
UNLIKE
MOTHER...

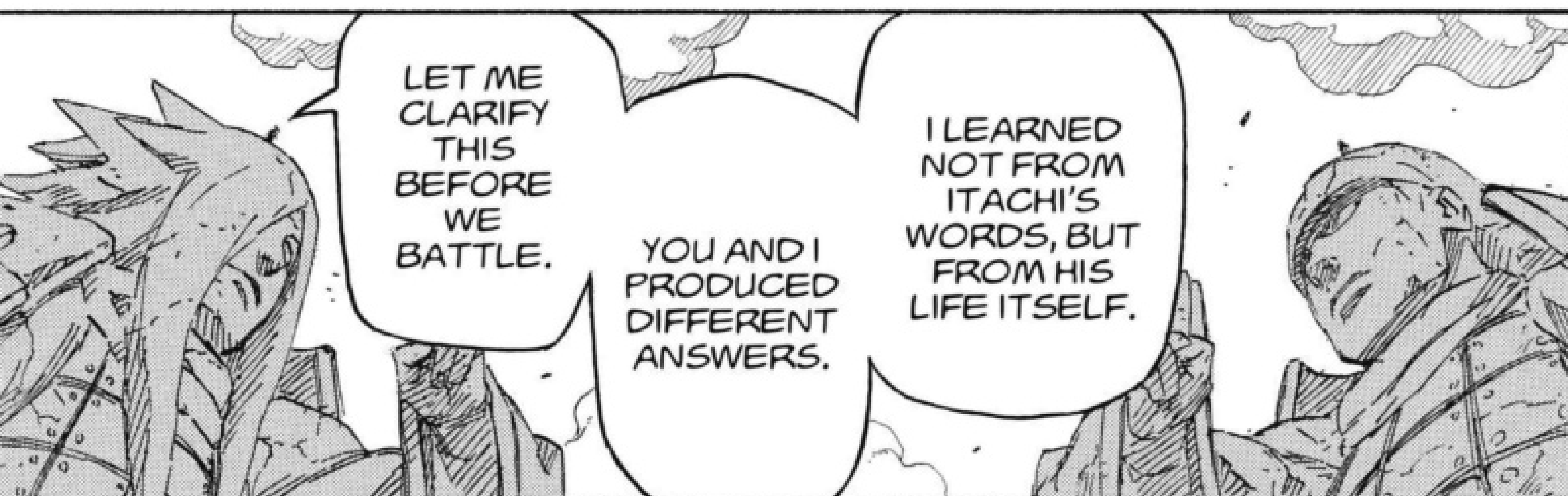
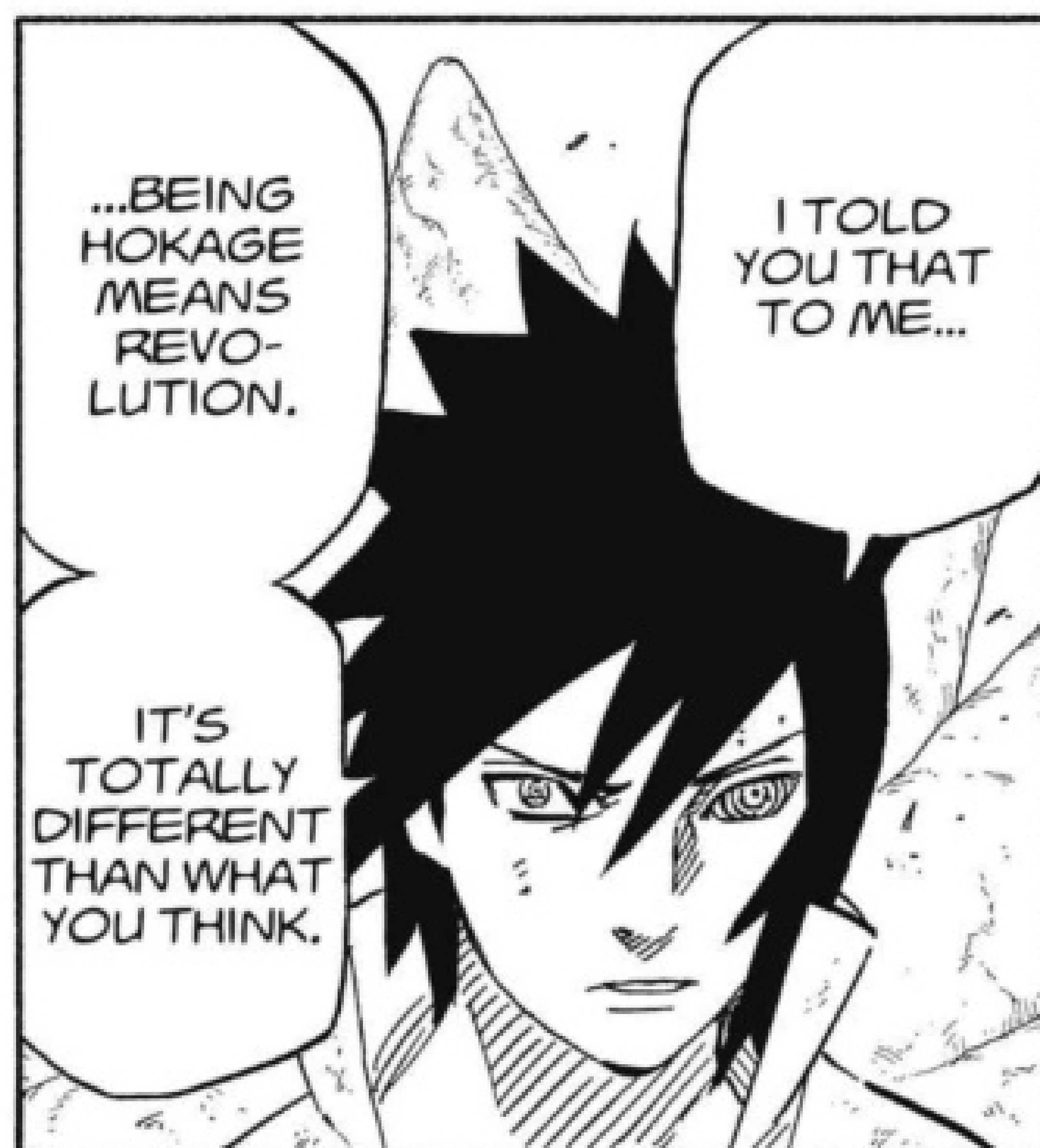
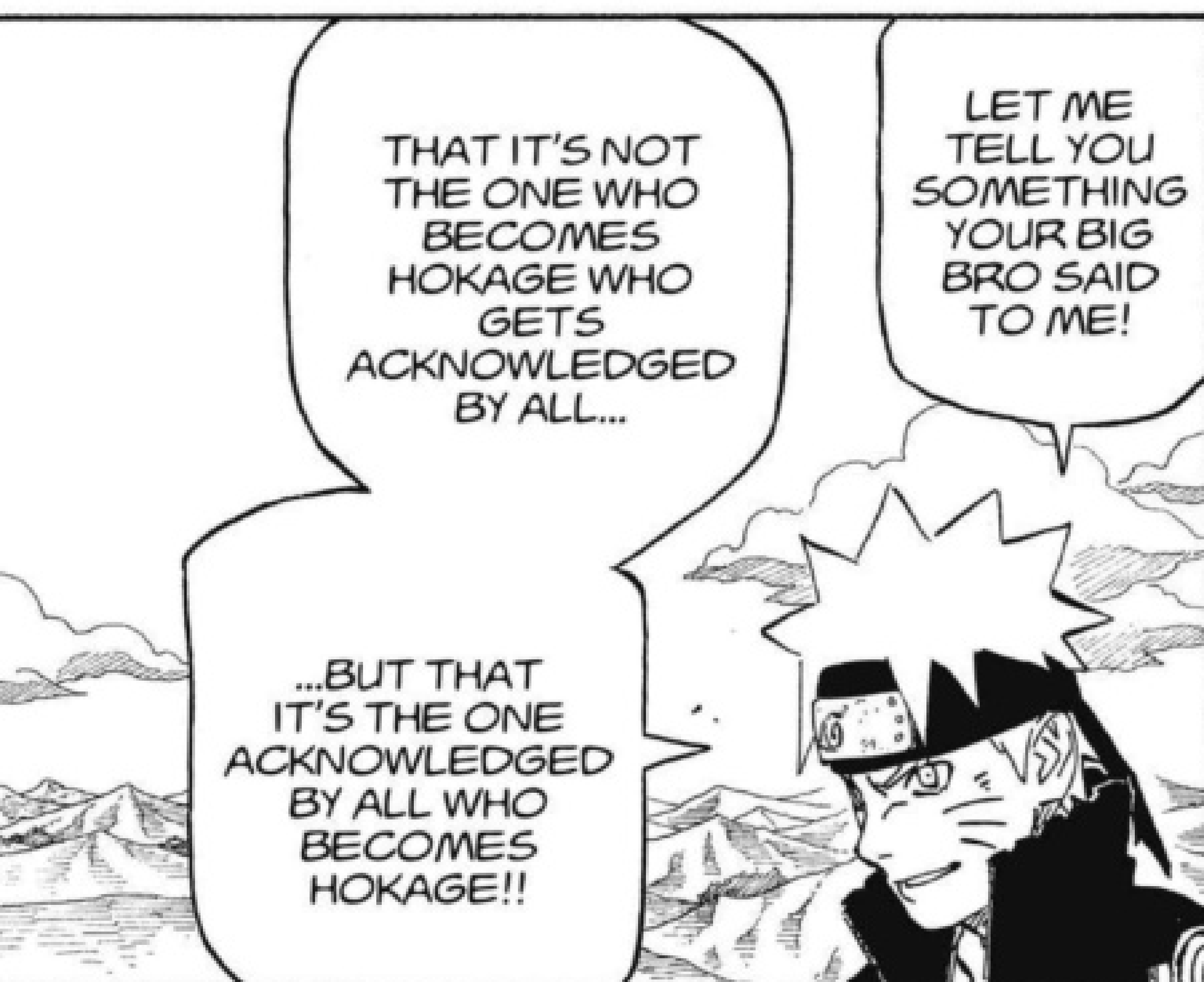
OR RATHER...
I HAVE HOPE
THAT LOVE CAN
BE REGAINED...



...SINCE I
HOPE THAT
HATE CAN BE
TRANSFORMED
INTO LOVE
THIS TIME...





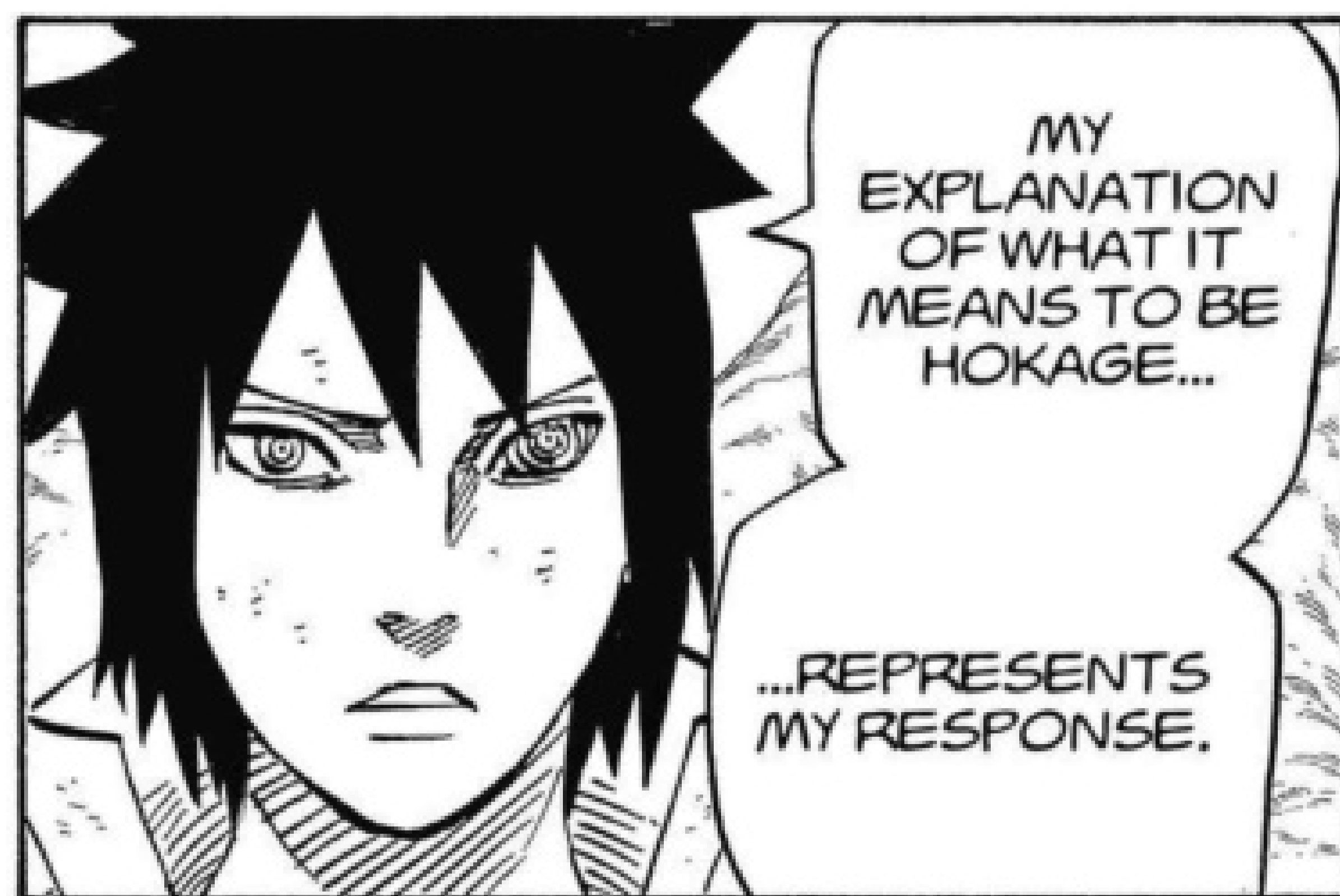


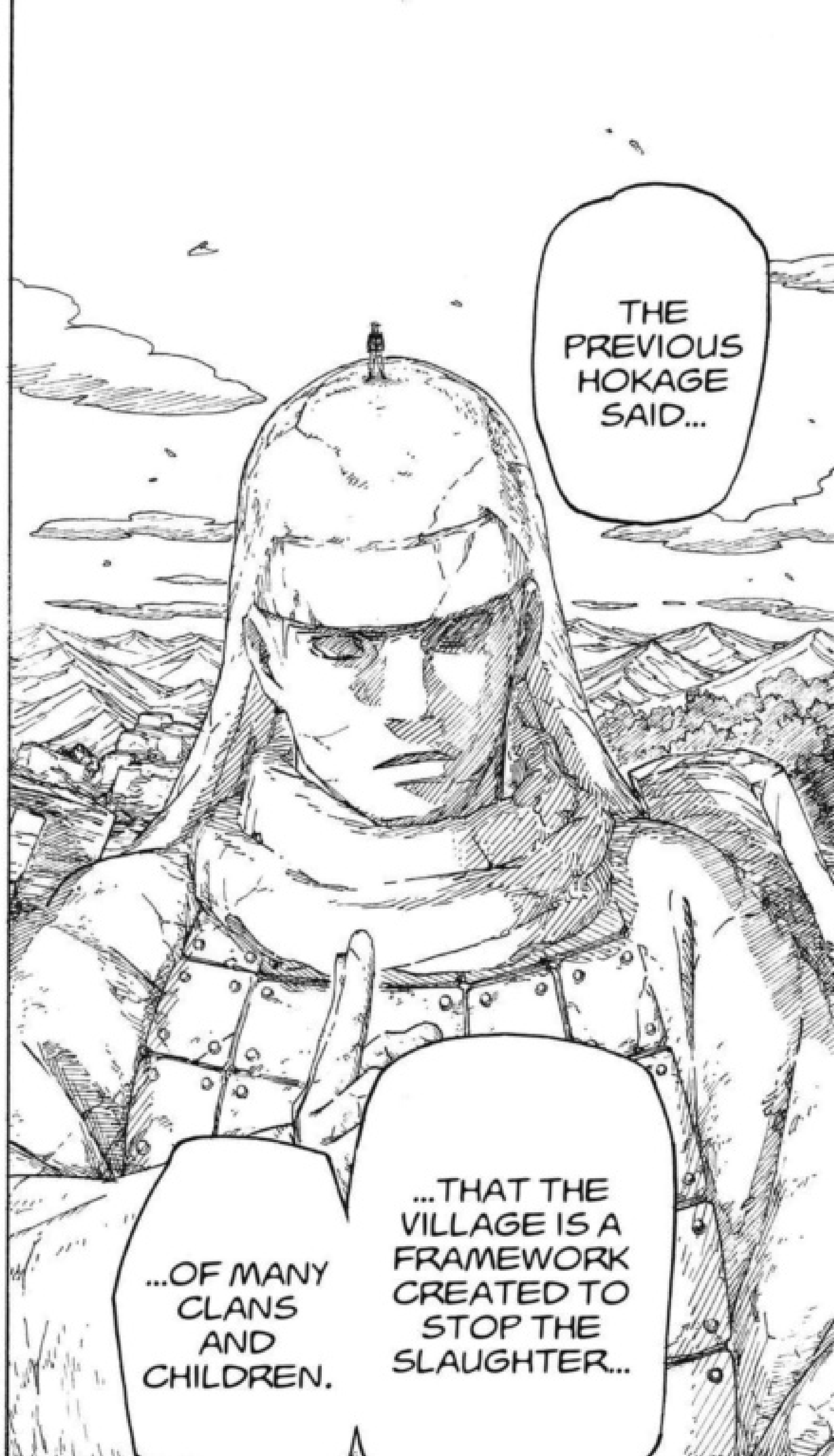
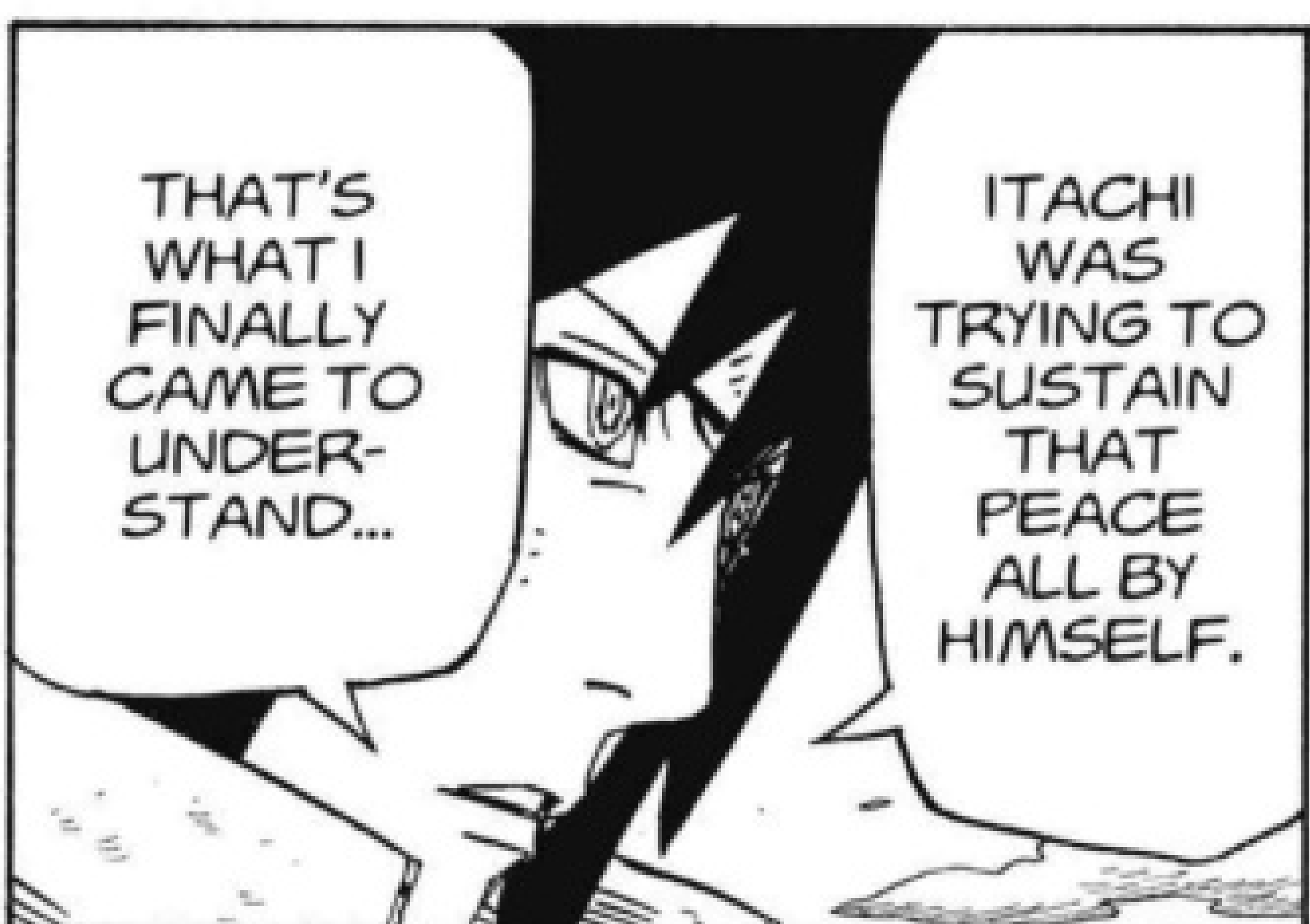


THE DRAMATIC RENOUEMENT!
NARUTO



Number 694: Naruto and Sasuke, Part 1







...THAT
HE WAS
THE TRUE
HOKAGE.

I
FEEL...



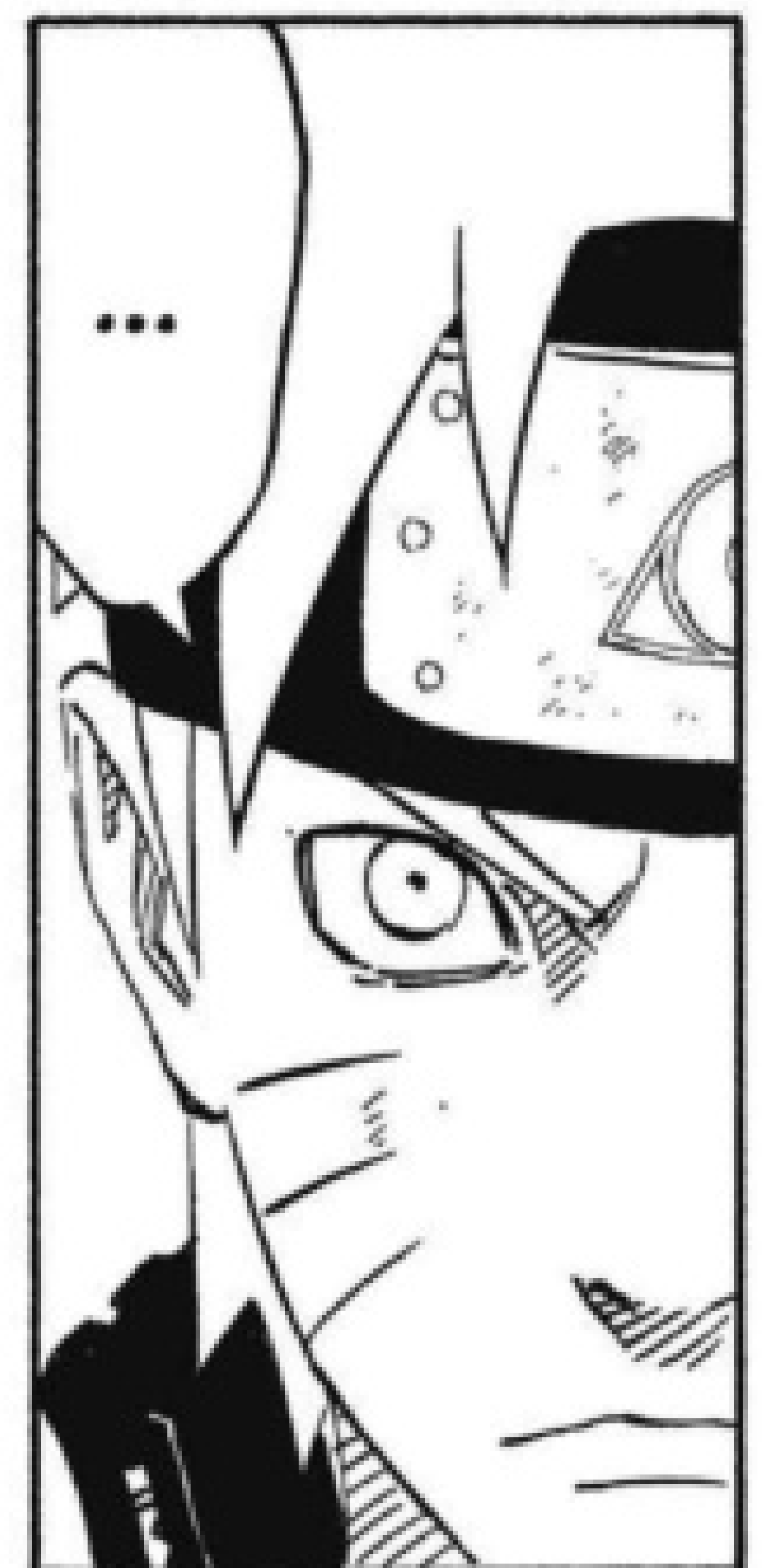
...I
EVENTUALLY
CAME TO
UNDERSTAND
ITACHI'S
FEELINGS
FOR HIS LAND
AND VILLAGE.

AND...



...BUT THE ONE
WHO ACCEPTS
ALL THE HATRED
THAT IS WORTHY
OF THAT TITLE.

IT'S NOT
THE ONE
ACKNOWLEDGED
BY ALL...



...



I HAVE NO
FATHER,
MOTHER,
BROTHER...

...NOT
EVEN A
SINGLE
OTHER
MEMBER
OF MY
CLAN.



HOW-
EVER...

I AM NOT
LIKE MY
BIG
BROTHER
ANYMORE.



...?



BY LEAVING ME,
HIS LITTLE
BROTHER, ALIVE,
AND BEING
UNABLE TO HIDE
THE TRUTH
FROM ME...

...HE ALLOWED
THE HATRED TO
DISSEMINATE.

BUT MY
BROTHER
MADE
JUST ONE
MISTAKE.



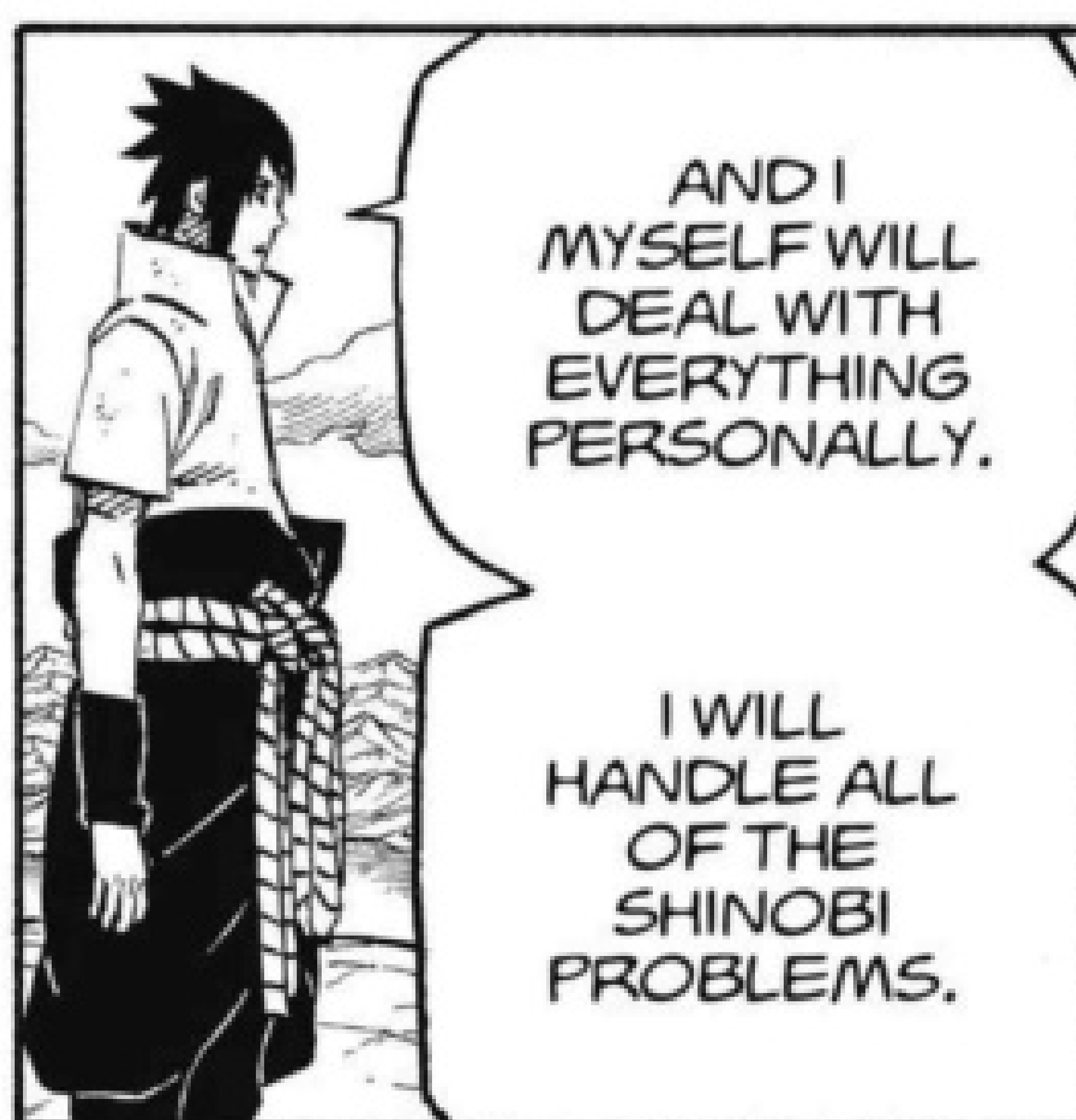
I ALONE
CAN BEAR
THE WEIGHT
OF ALL THE
HATRED
NOW.

I AM
ALONE.



...ALL
JUDGMENT
AND
PUNISHMENT.

I SHALL
ALSO
DISPENSE...



AND I
MYSELF WILL
DEAL WITH
EVERYTHING
PERSONALLY.

I WILL
HANDLE ALL
OF THE
SHINOBI
PROBLEMS.

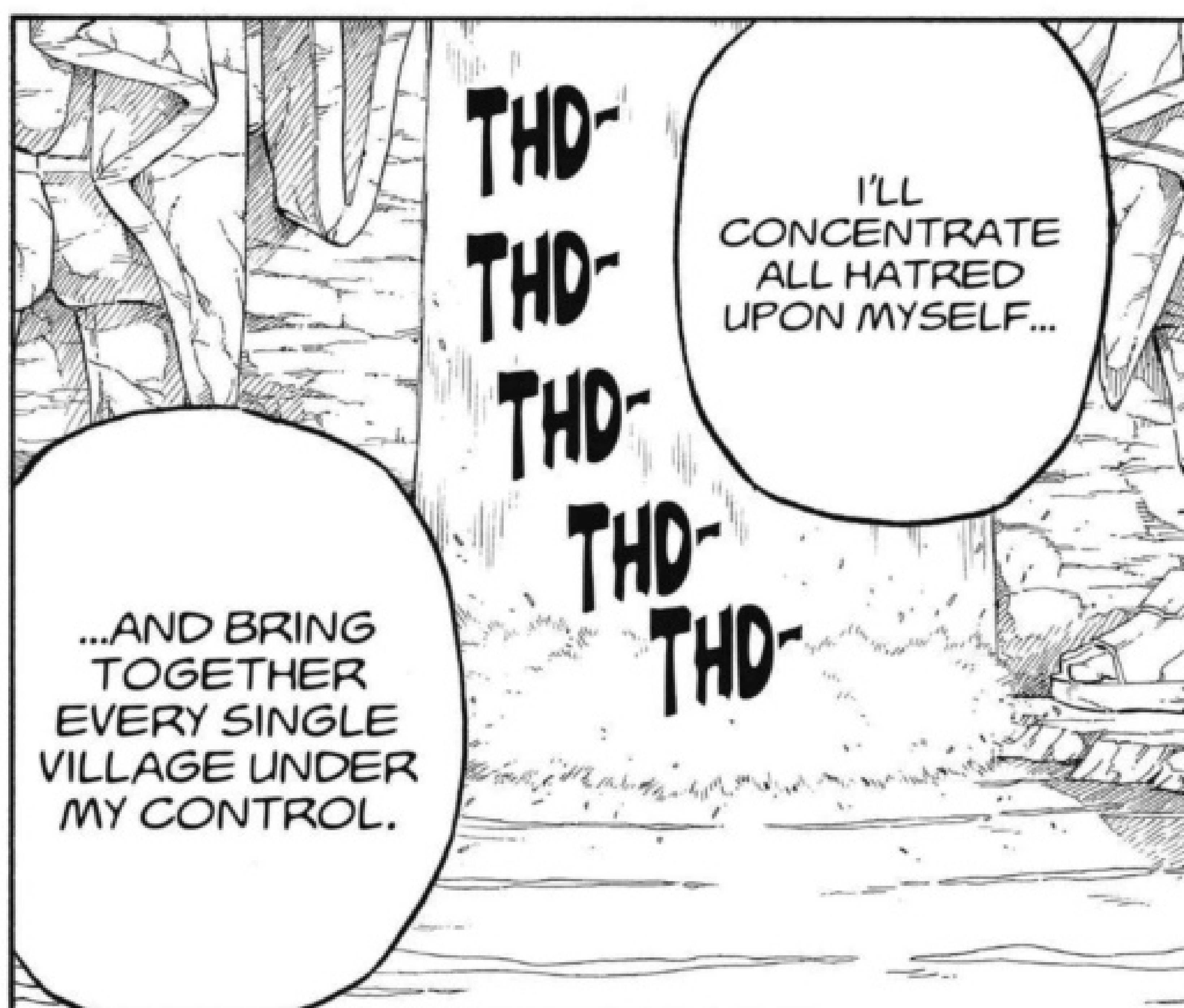


TWITCH



IN WHICH
CASE, I'D
RATHER...

HATRED
INSIDE
DARKNESS
CANNOT BE
ELIMINATED.

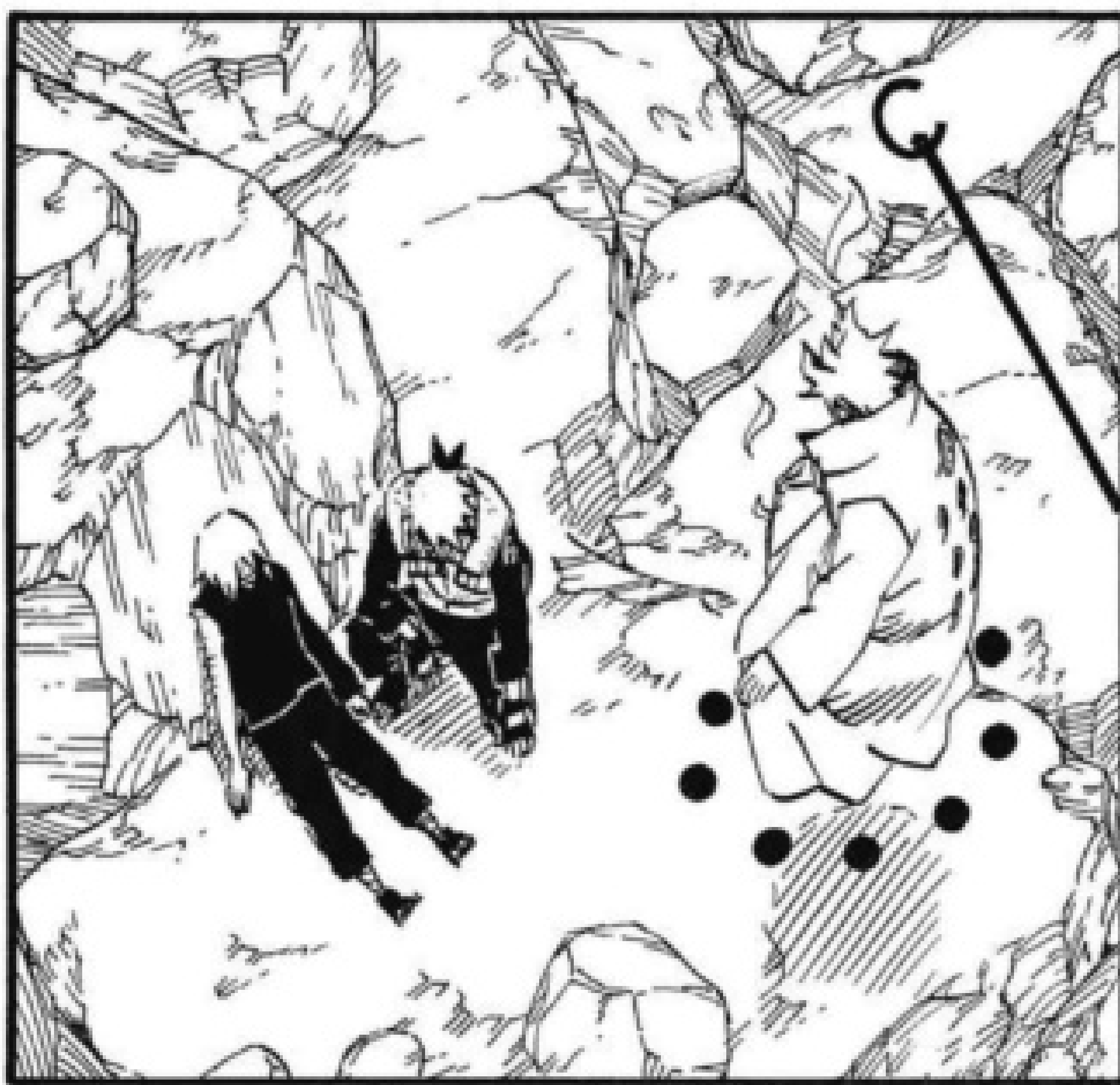
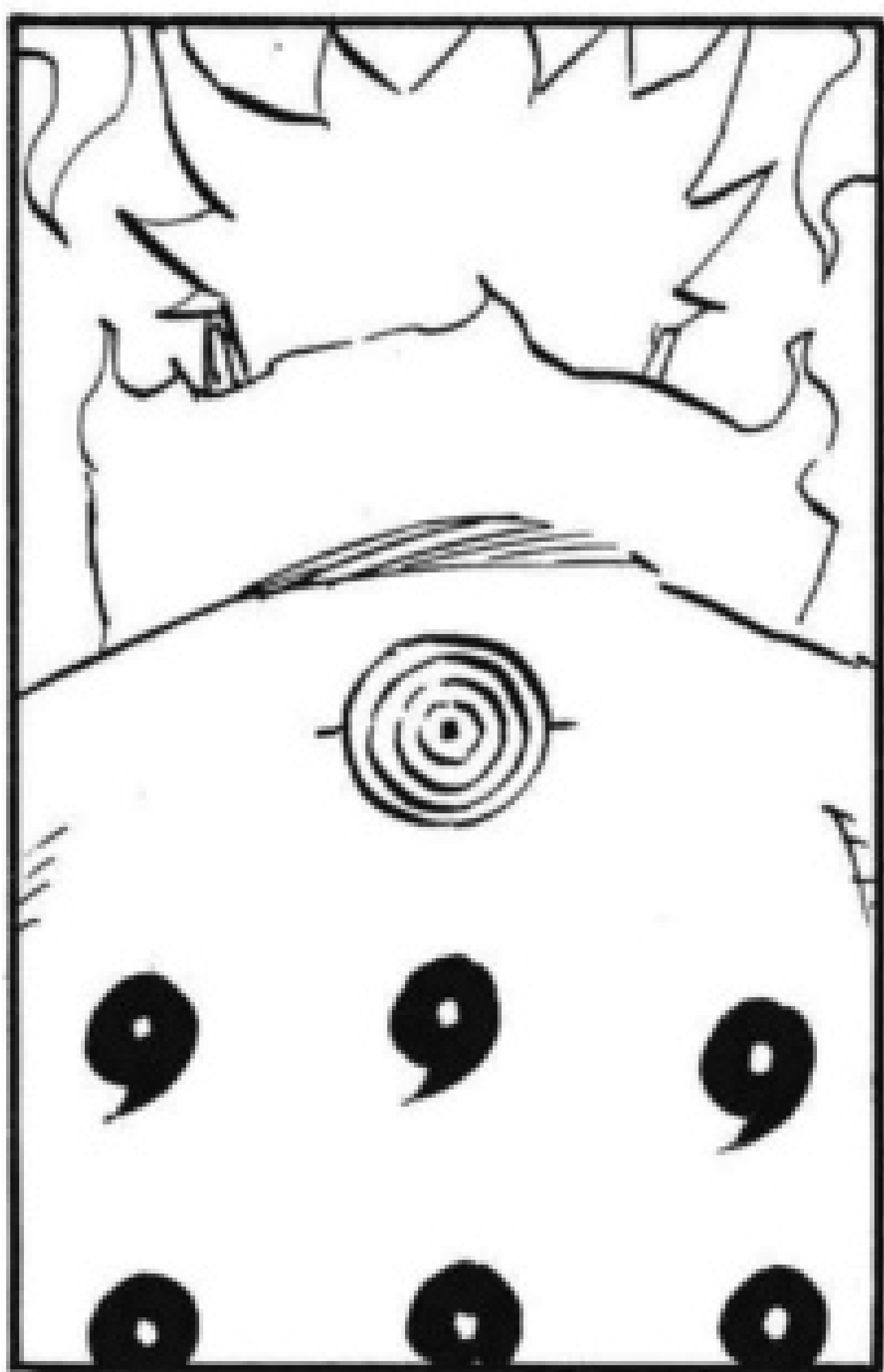
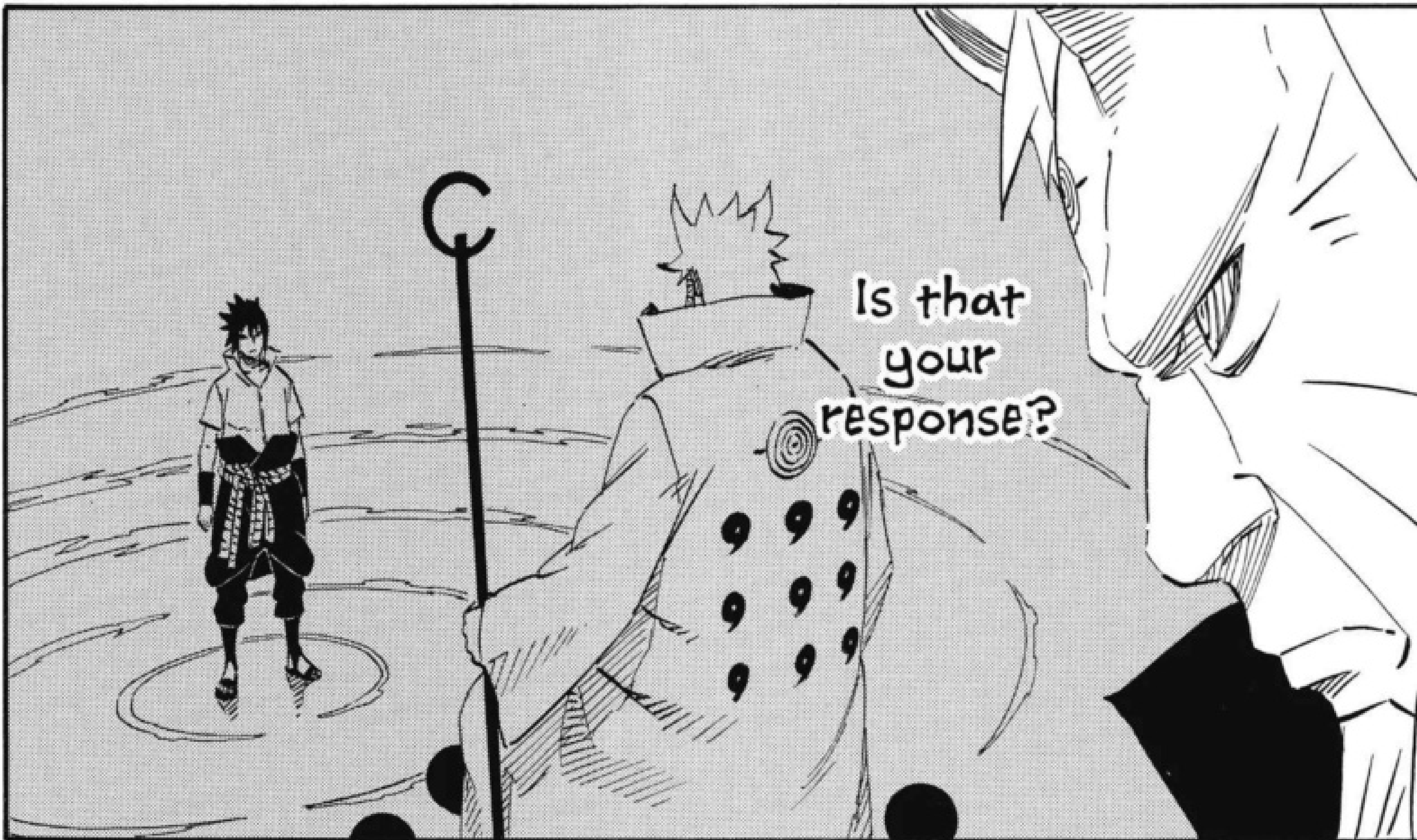


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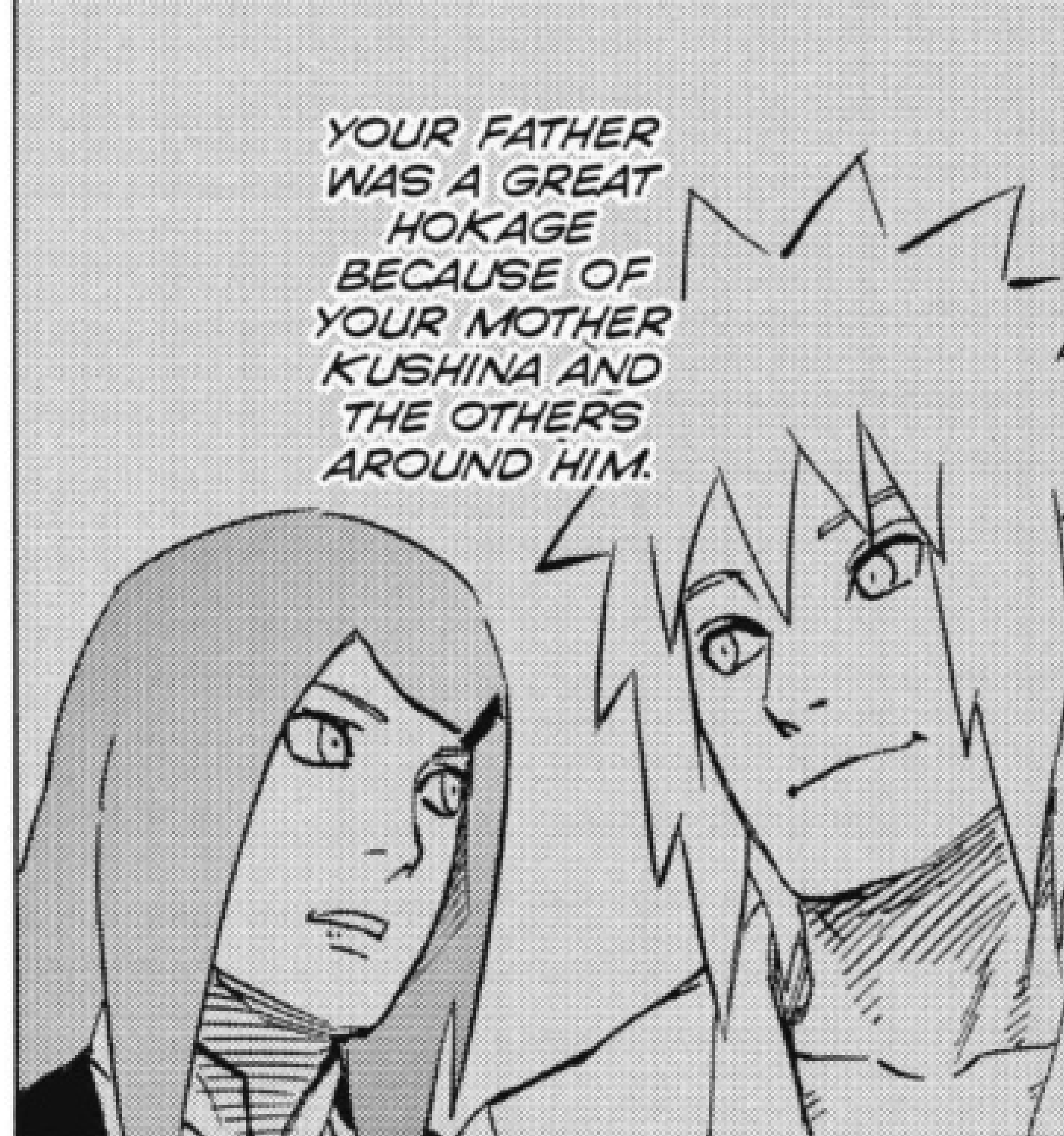
I'LL
CONCENTRATE
ALL HATRED
UPON MYSELF...

...AND BRING
TOGETHER
EVERY SINGLE
VILLAGE UNDER
MY CONTROL.









YOUR FATHER
WAS A GREAT
HOKAGE
BECAUSE OF
YOUR MOTHER
KUSHINA AND
THE OTHERS
AROUND HIM.



NO MATTER
HOW
POWERFUL
YOU BECOME,
NEVER TRY TO
TAKE IT ALL
ON BY
YOURSELF.

YOU'LL
JUST
FAIL.



YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
ITACHI'S LIFE
PATH AT ALL!



THIS TIME,
I LEAVE THE
TASK TO A
FRIEND.

I TRIED
TO DO
EVERYTHING
BY MYSELF
TOO. IT
FAILED.



LIKE OUR
BATTLE
AGAINST
KAGUYA.
REMEMBER
?!!

THERE
ARE
THINGS
YOU CAN'T
DO
ALONE!!

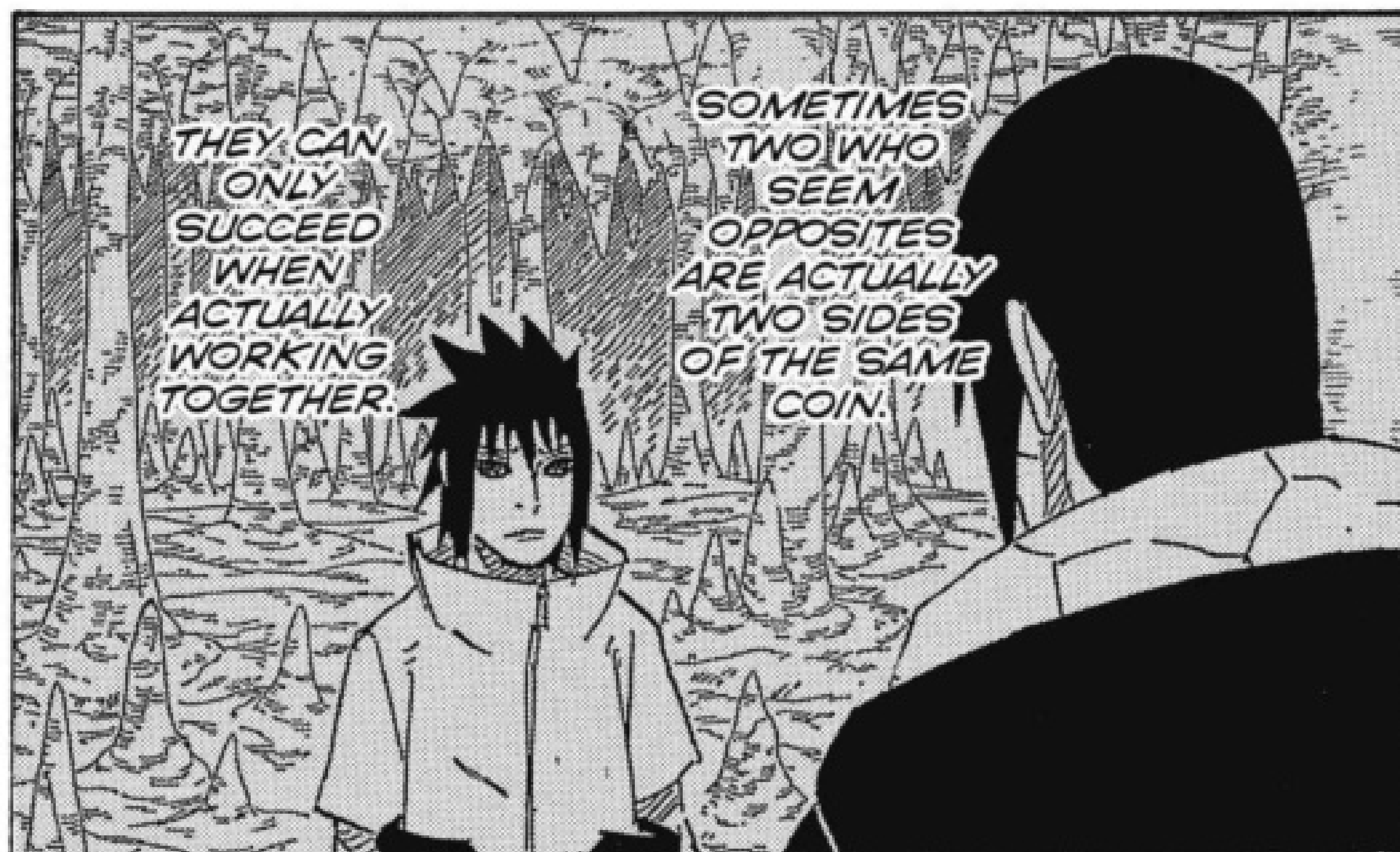


...THAT A
PERFECT
BEING
DOES NOT
EXIST AT
ALL IN
THIS
WORLD.

IT MAY
BE...



...

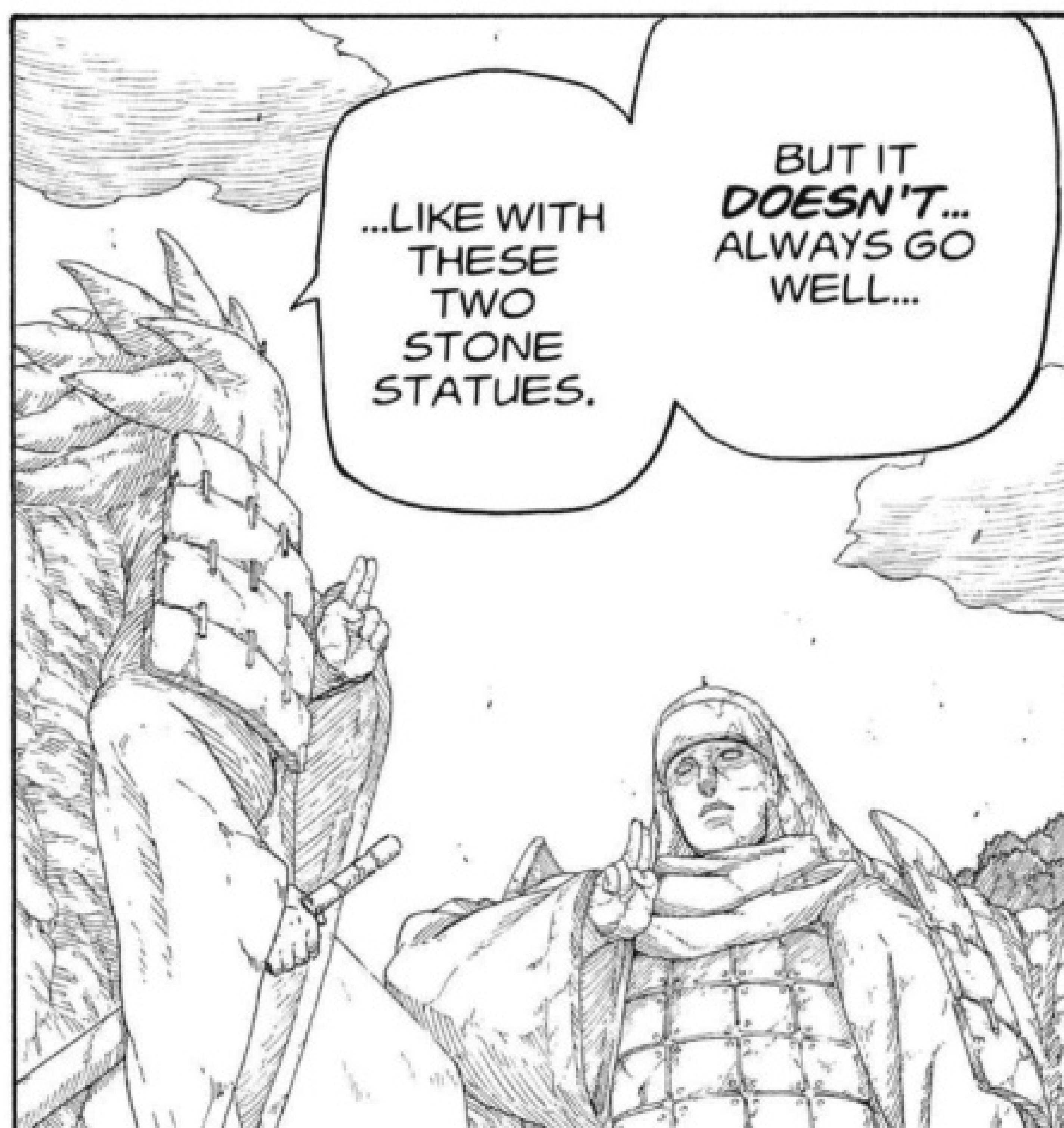


THEY CAN
ONLY
SUCCEED
WHEN
ACTUALLY
WORKING
TOGETHER.

SOMETIMES
TWO WHO
SEEM
OPPOSITES
ARE ACTUALLY
TWO SIDES
OF THE SAME
COIN.



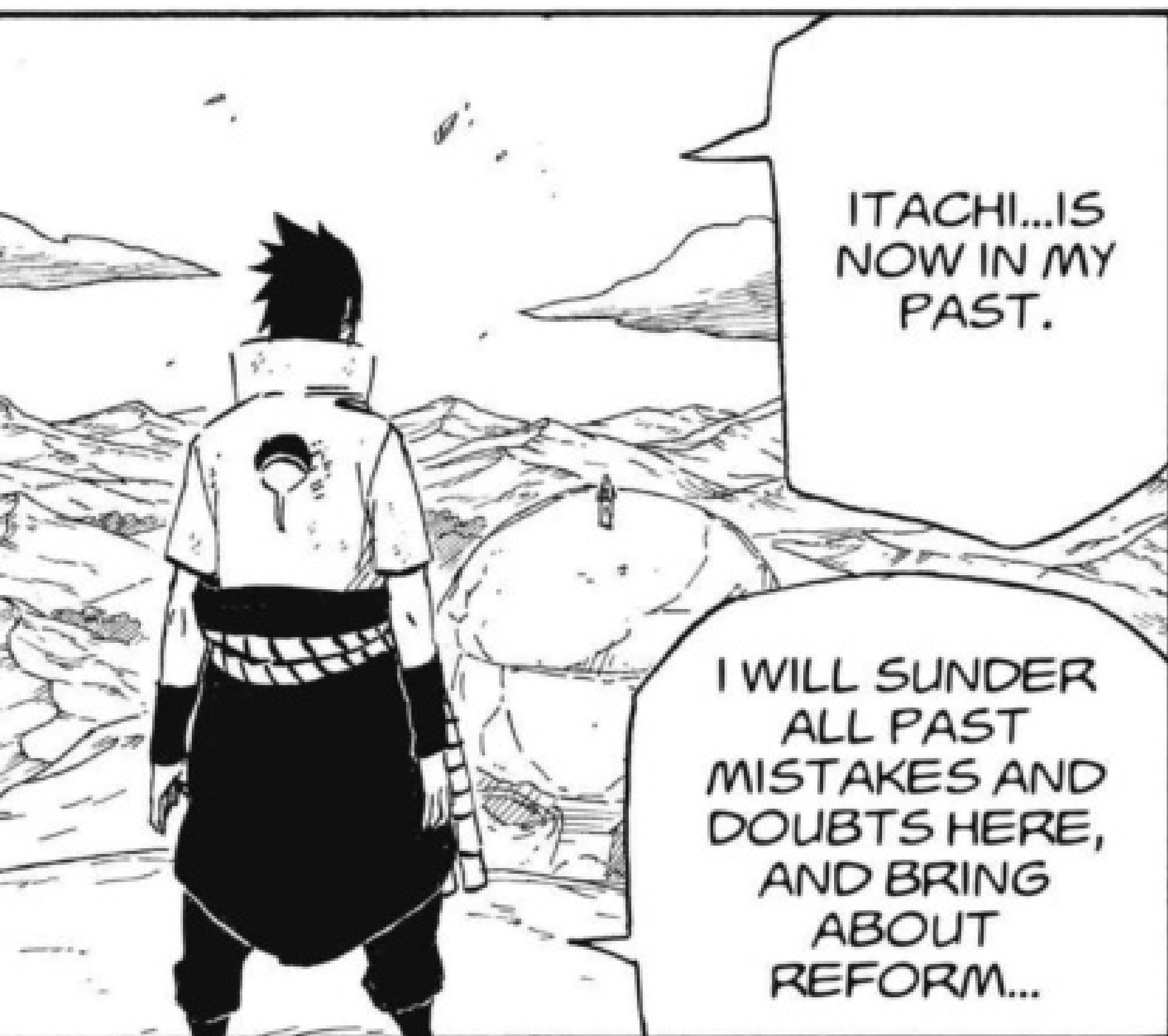
AND US
TWO
BROTHERS...



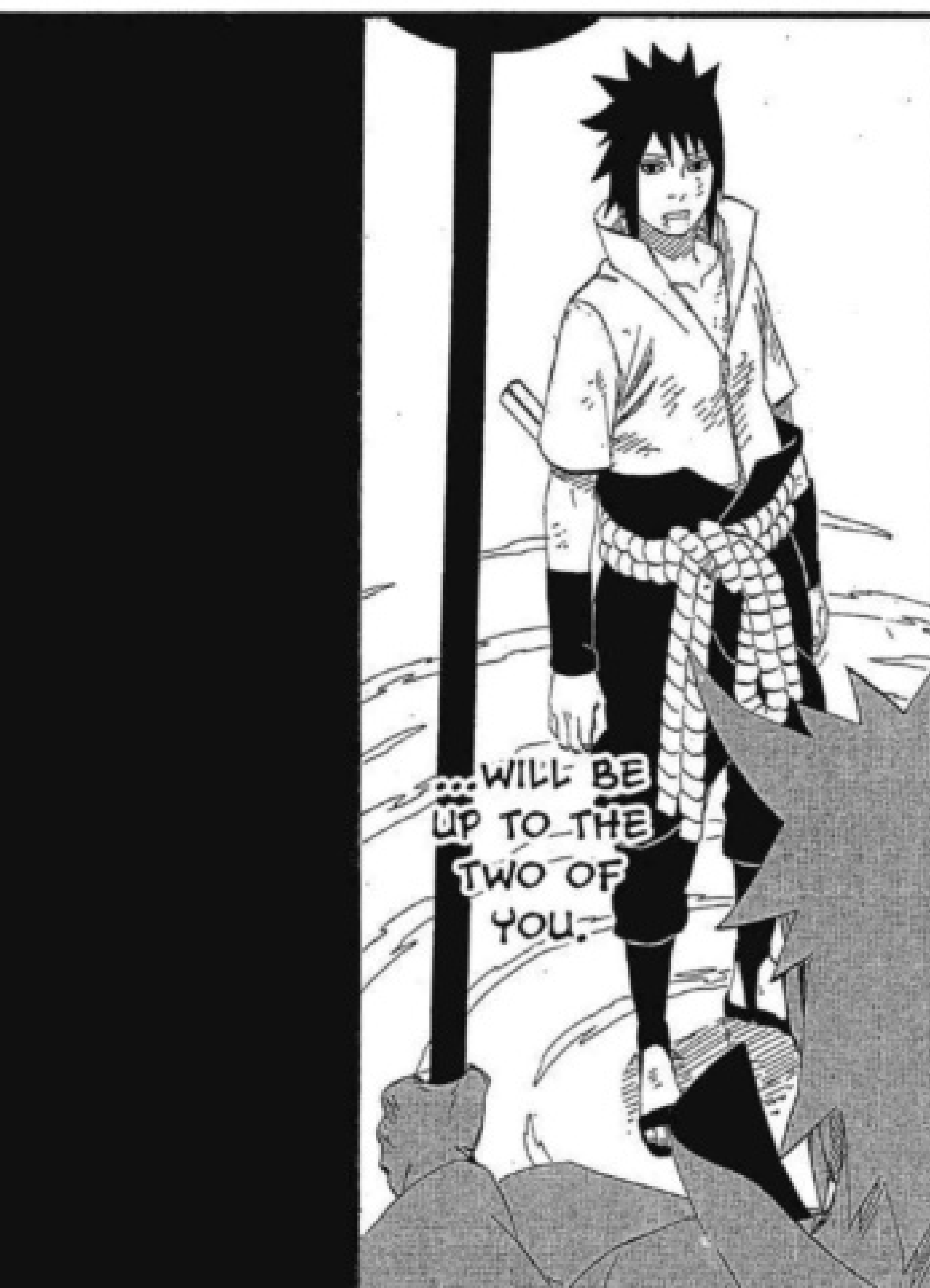
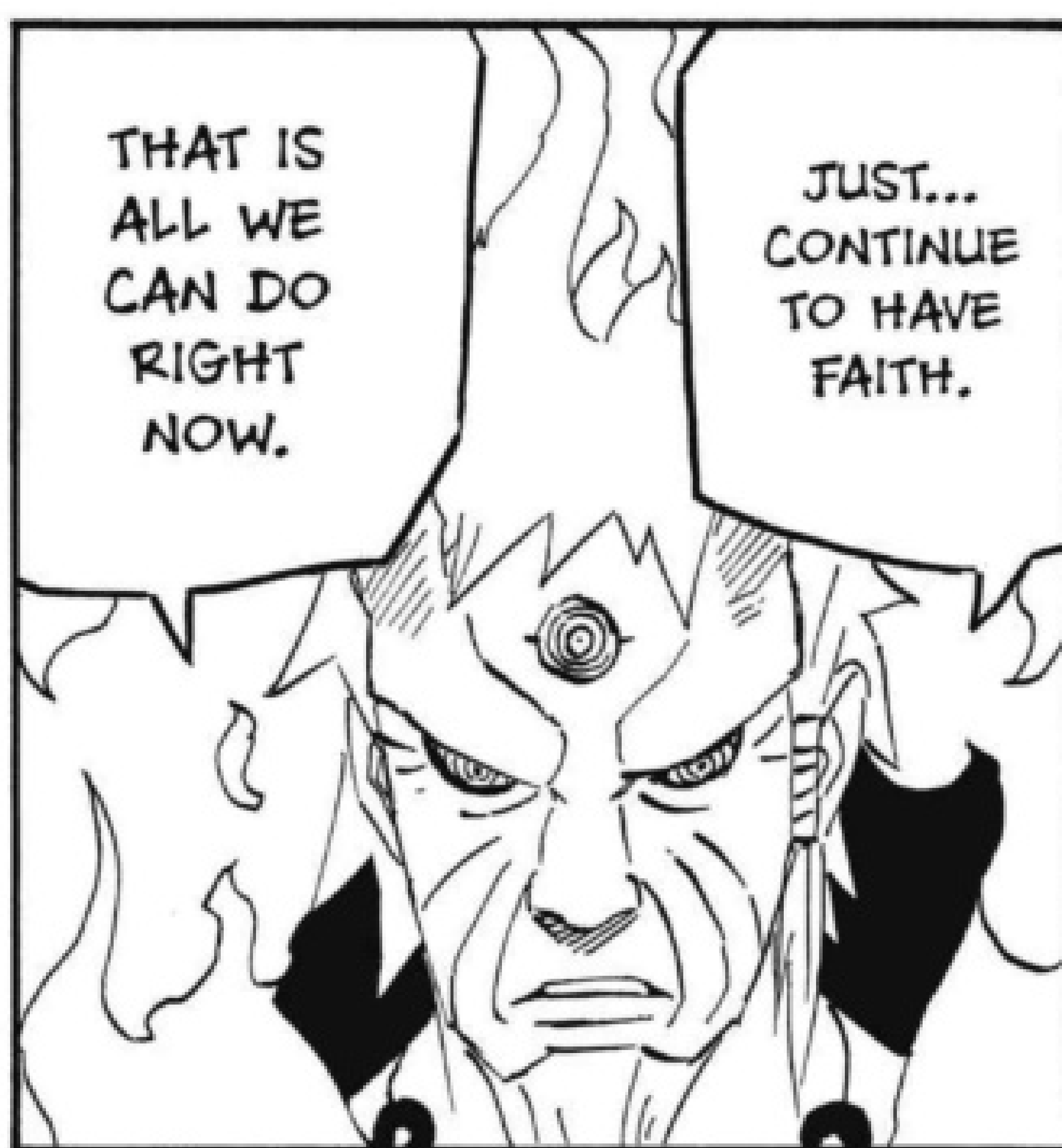
...LIKE WITH
THESE
TWO
STONE
STATUES.

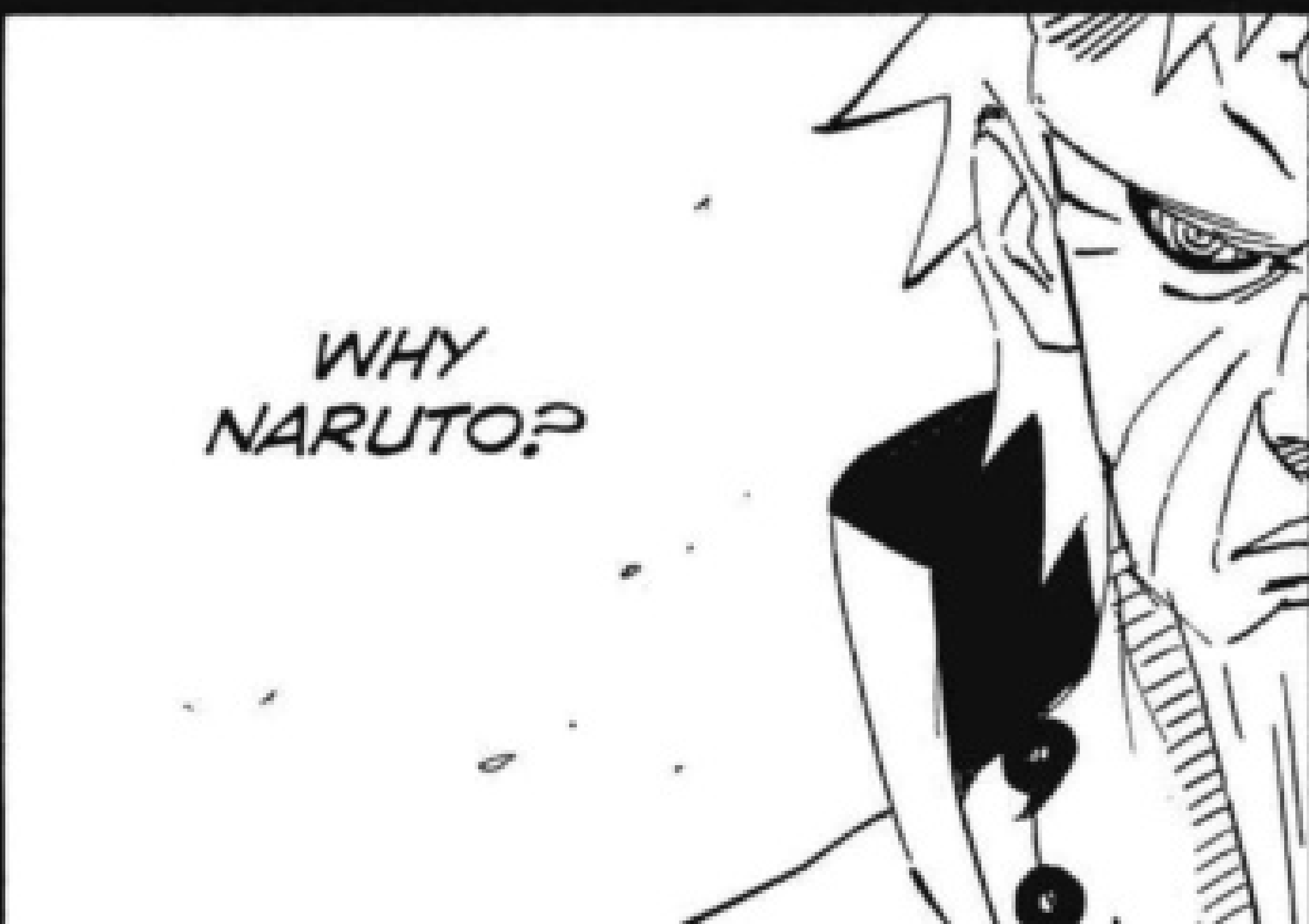
BUT IT
DOESN'T...
ALWAYS GO
WELL...



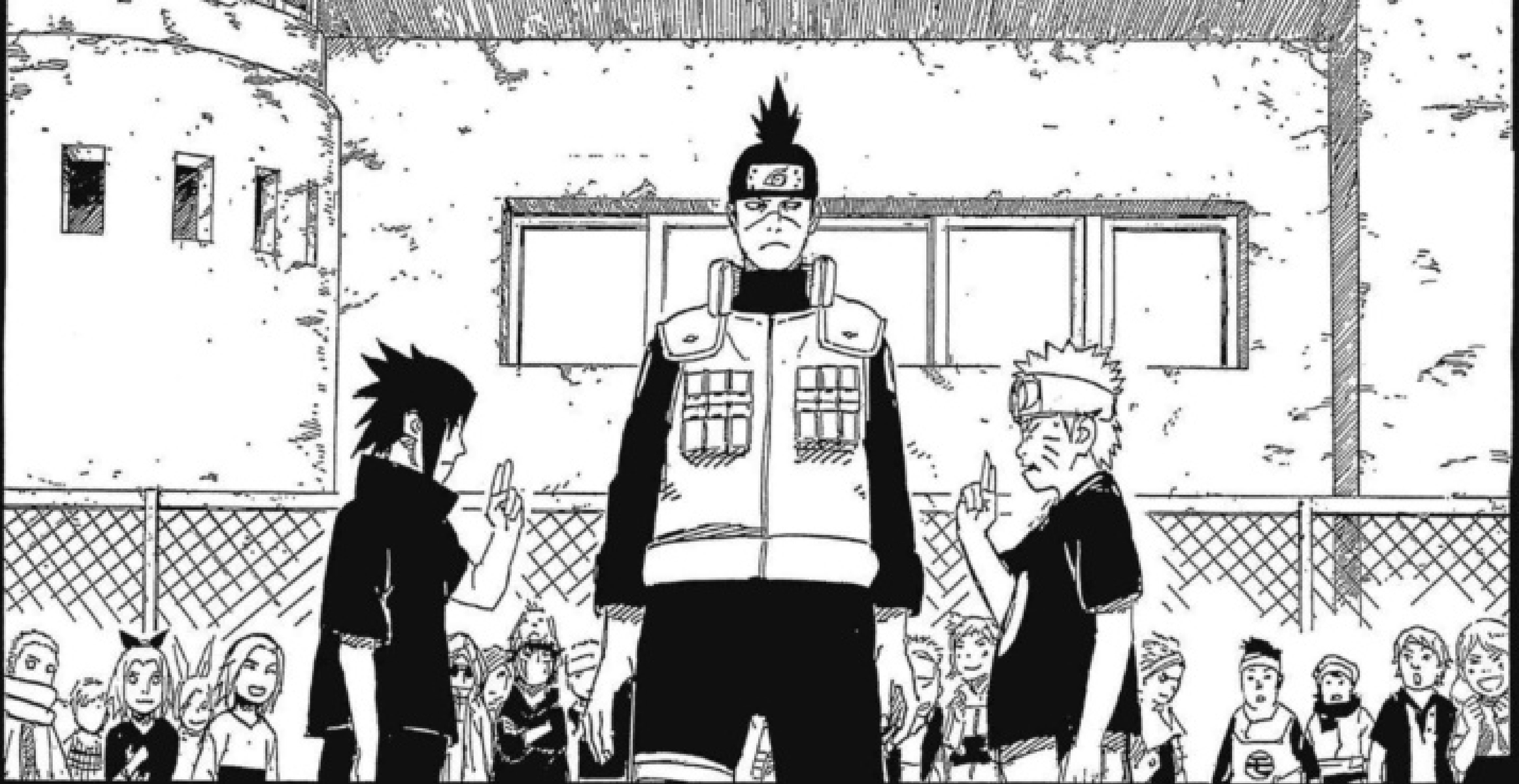








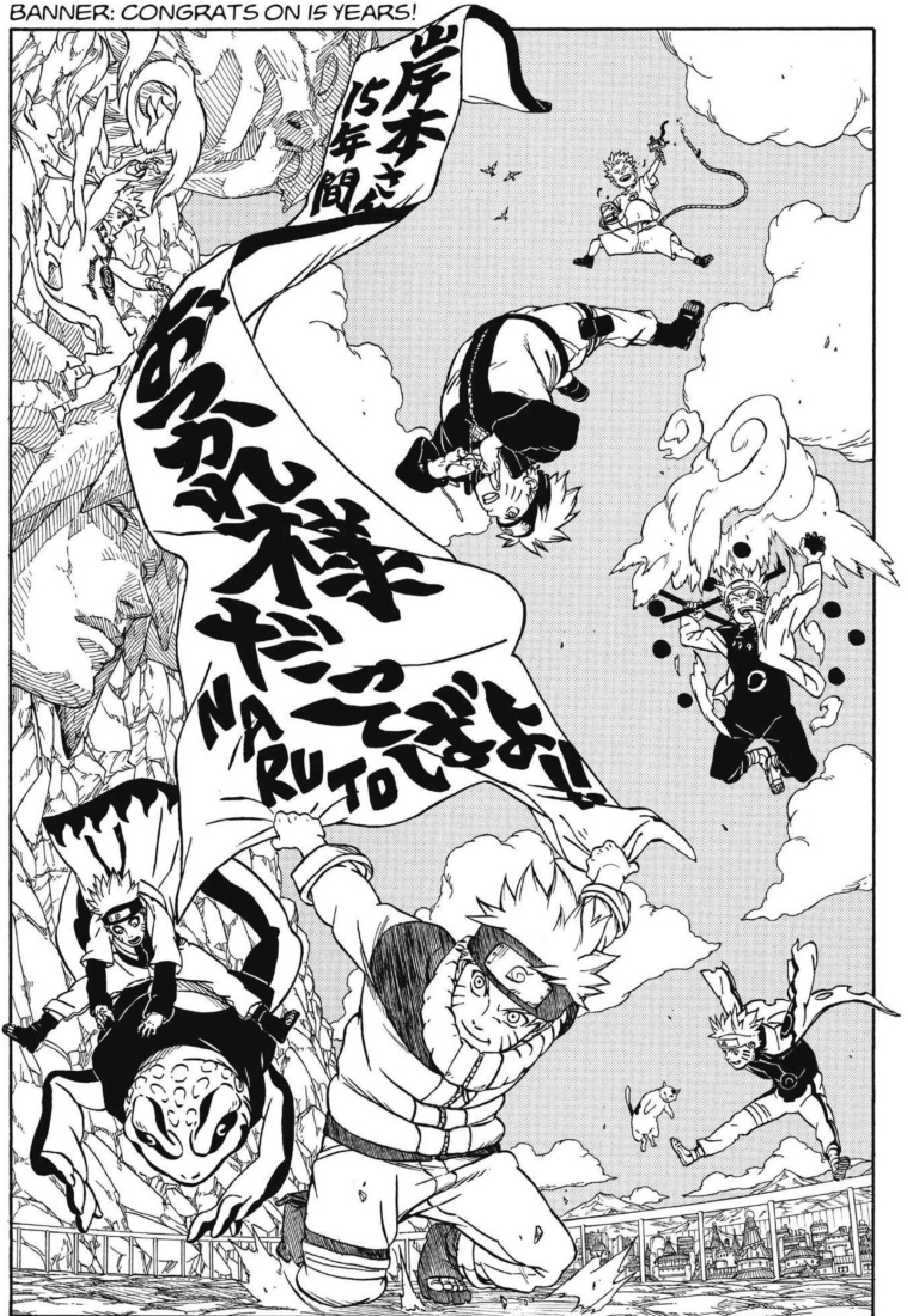






END OF SERIES COMMEMORATION ILLUSTRATION (4)

BANNER: CONGRATS ON 15 YEARS!



IT IS A LIFETIME HONOR THAT I, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY JUST A FAN, GOT TO BE INVOLVED WITH NARUTO FOR 8 YEARS. -AKIO SHIRASAKA



Number 695: Naruto and Sasuke, Part 2



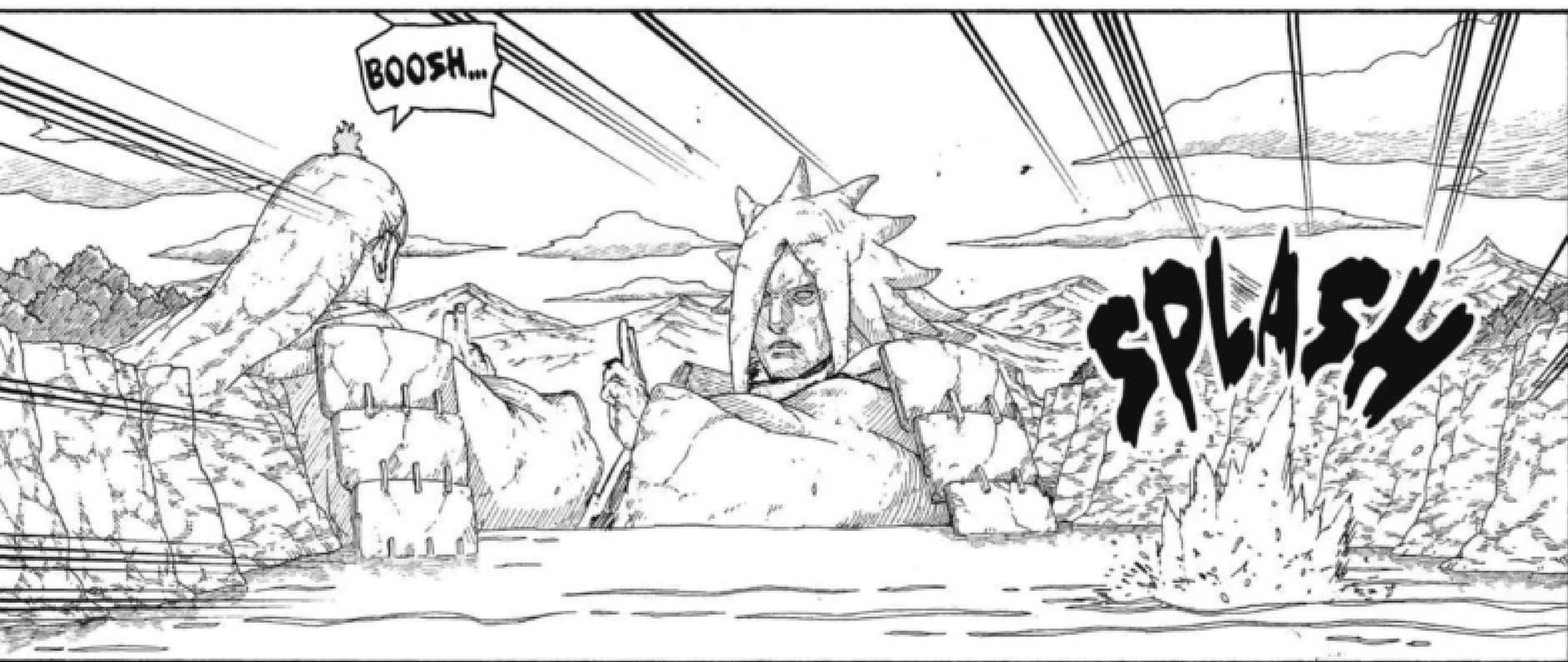


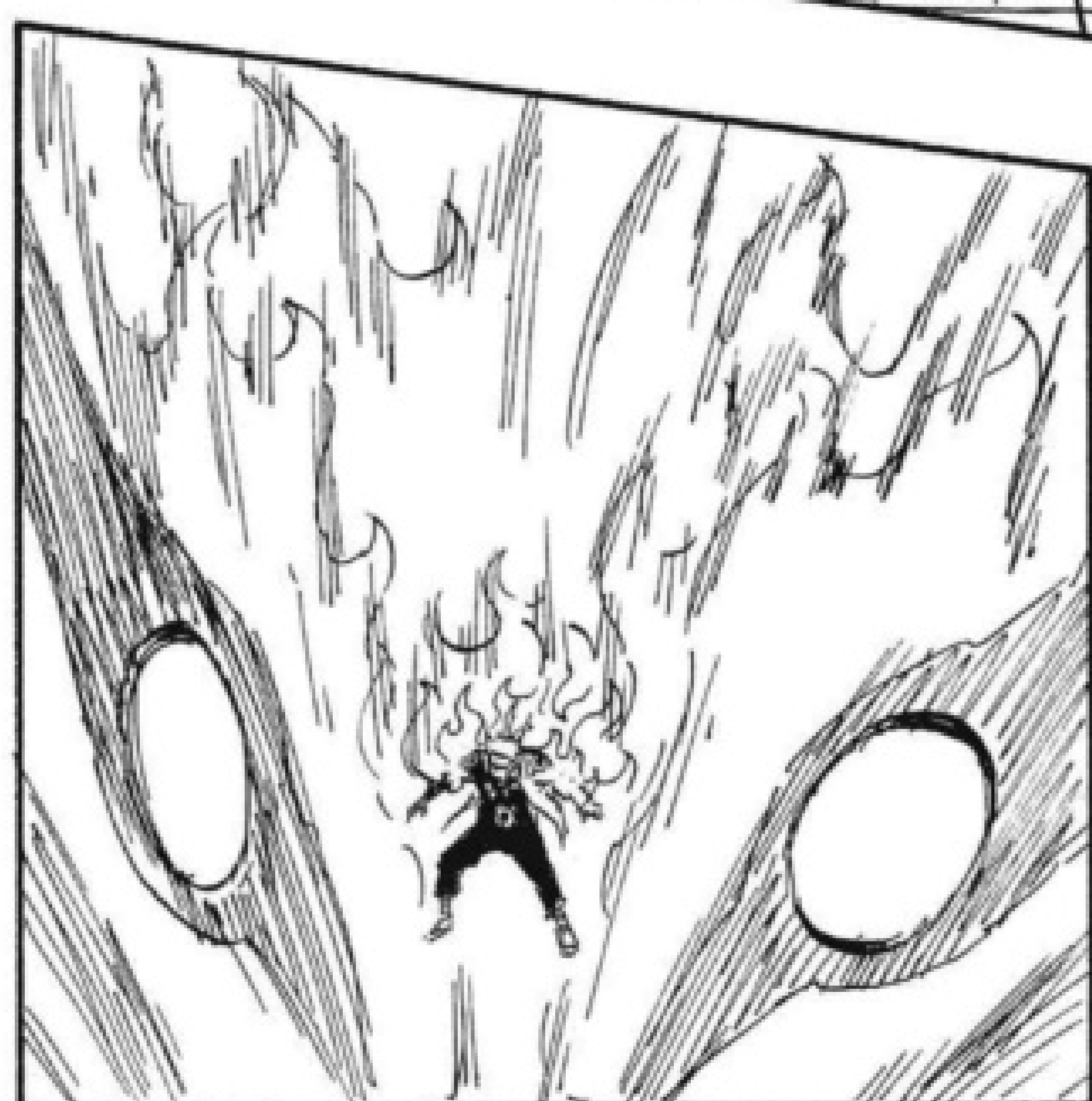
NARUTO

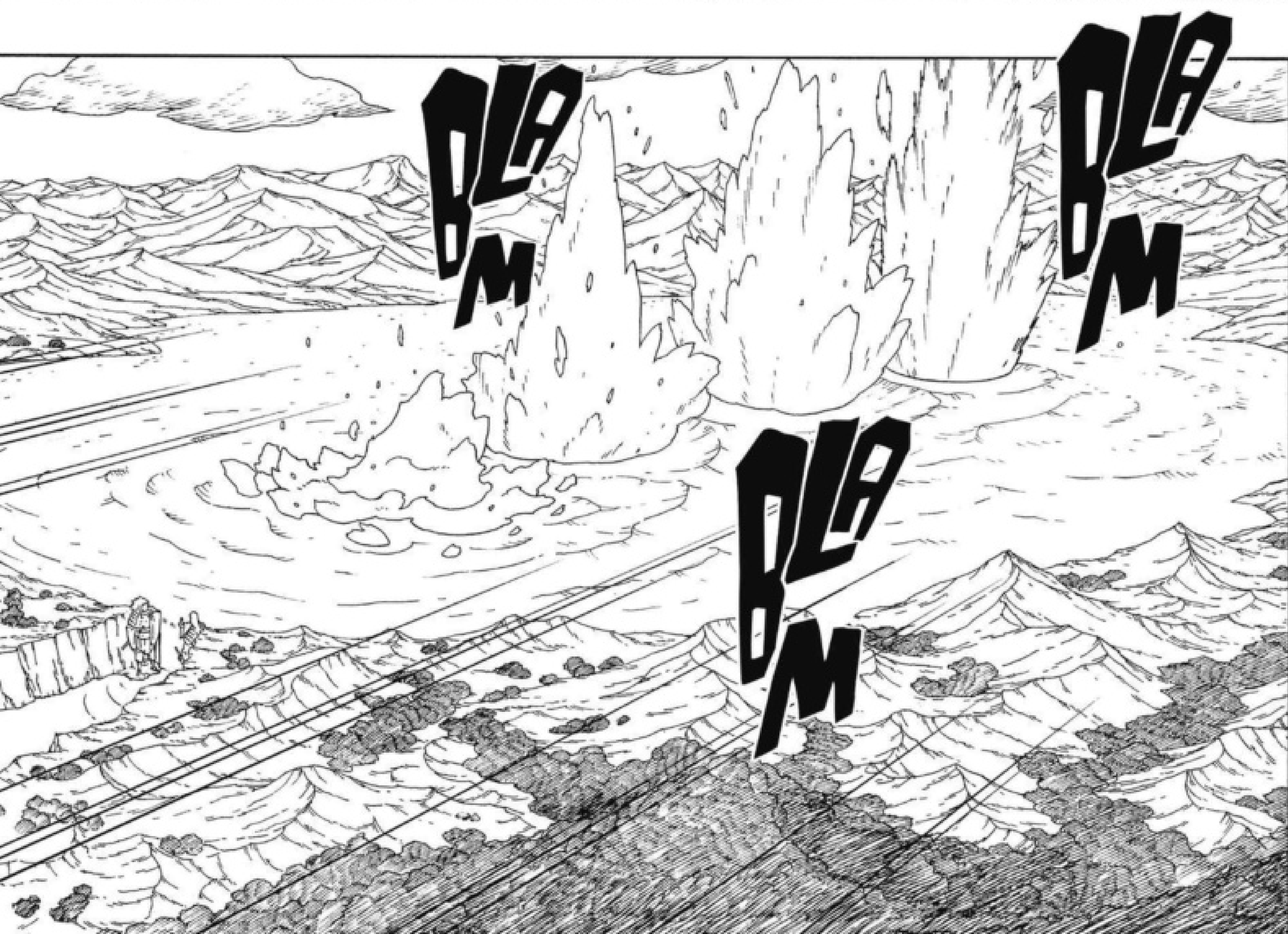


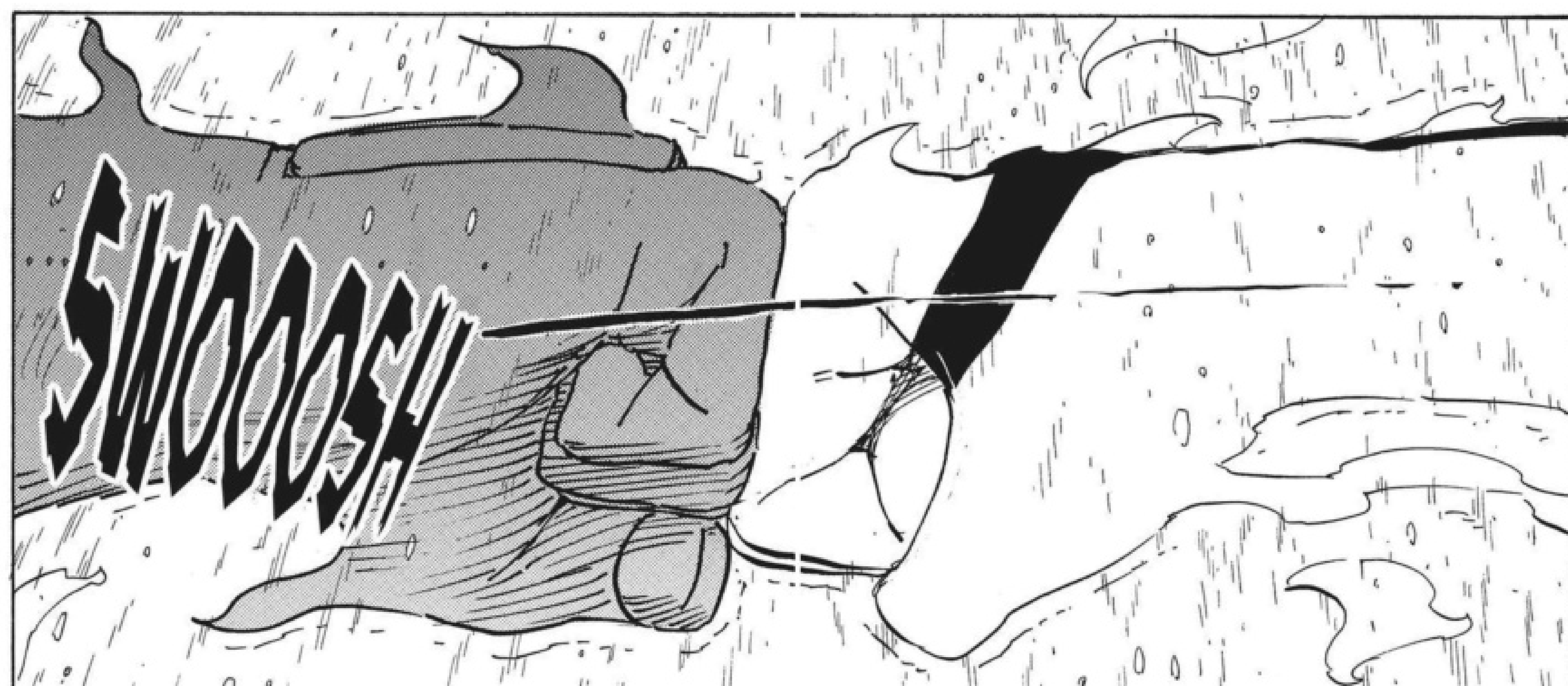


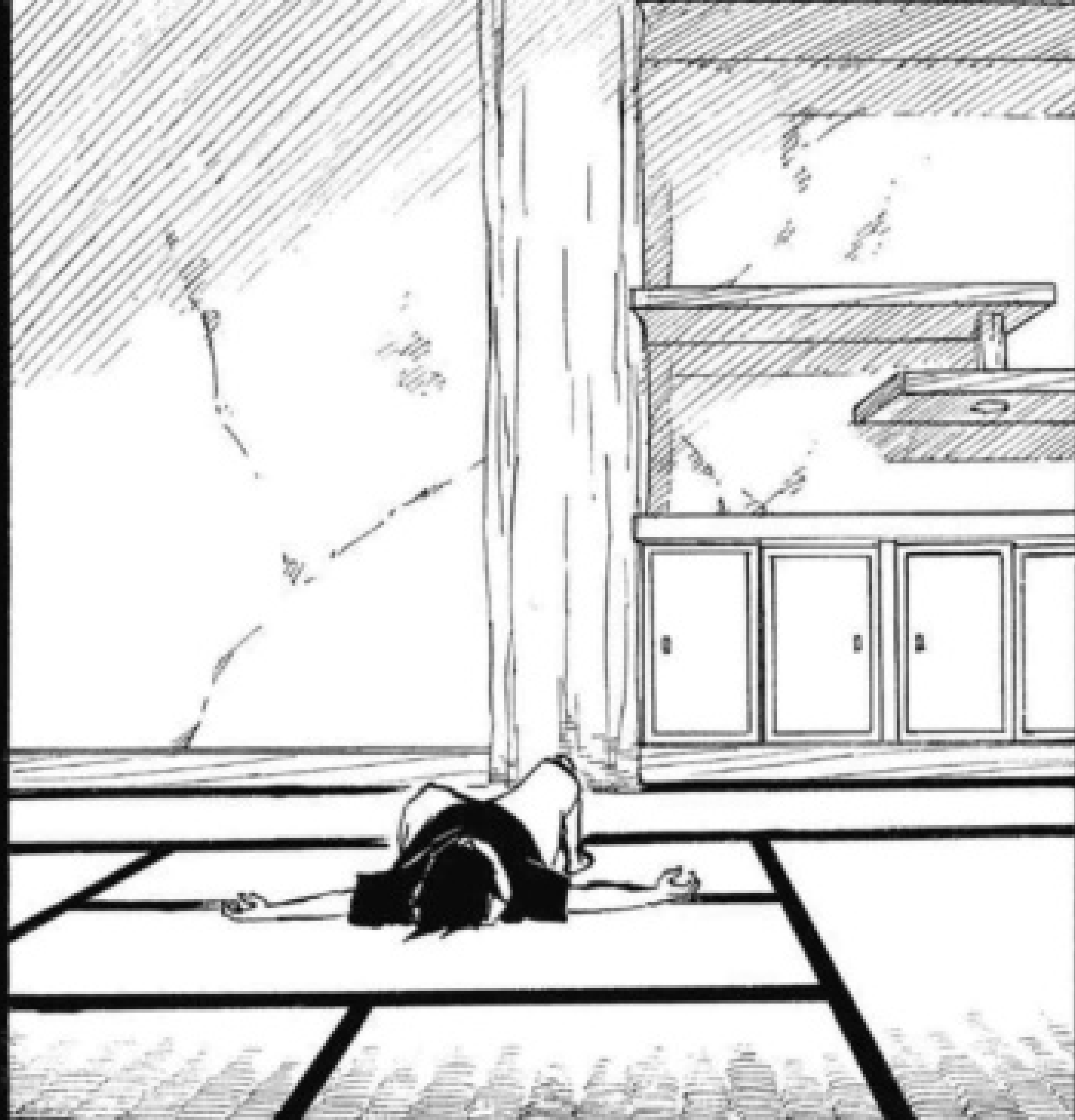


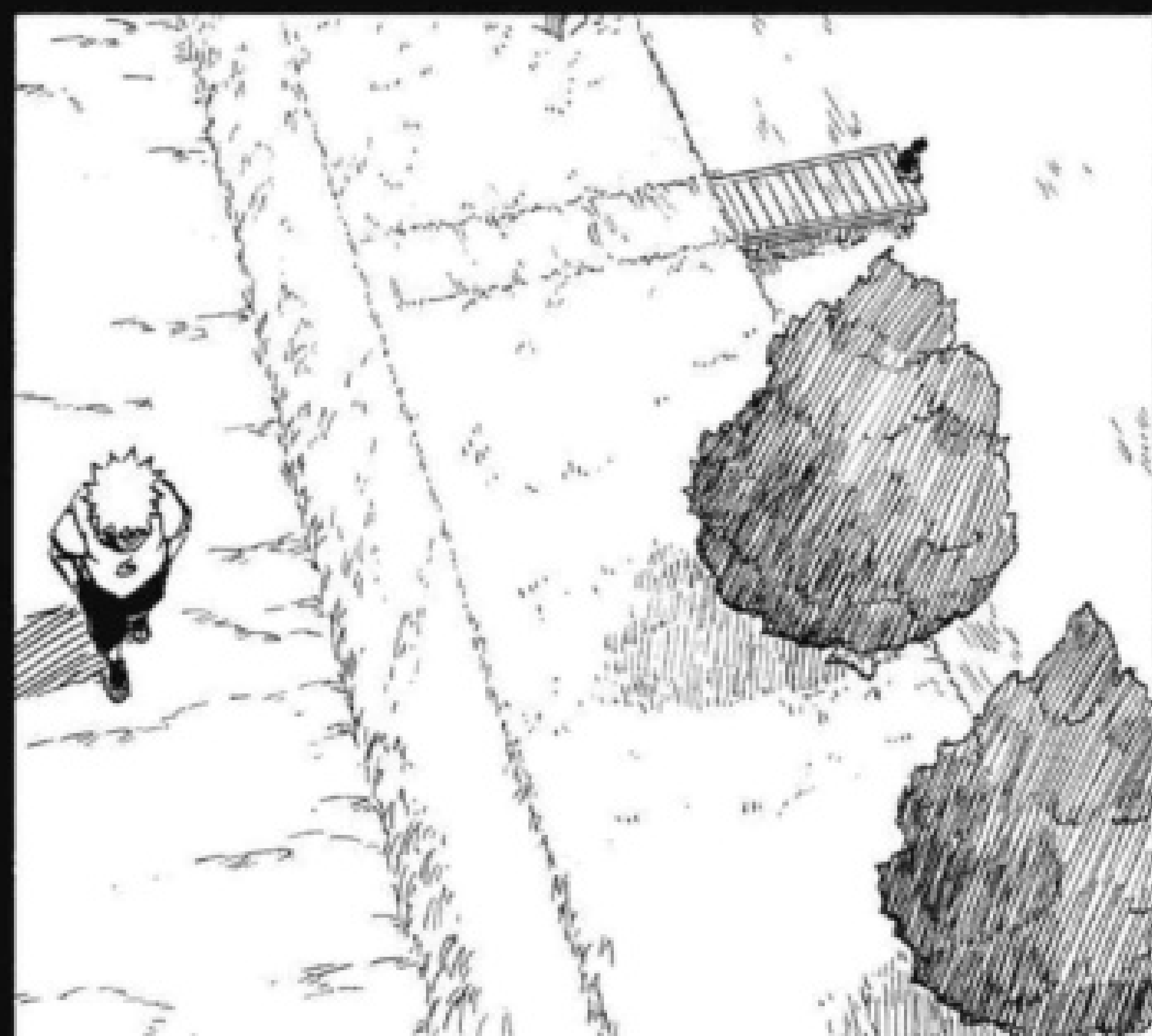
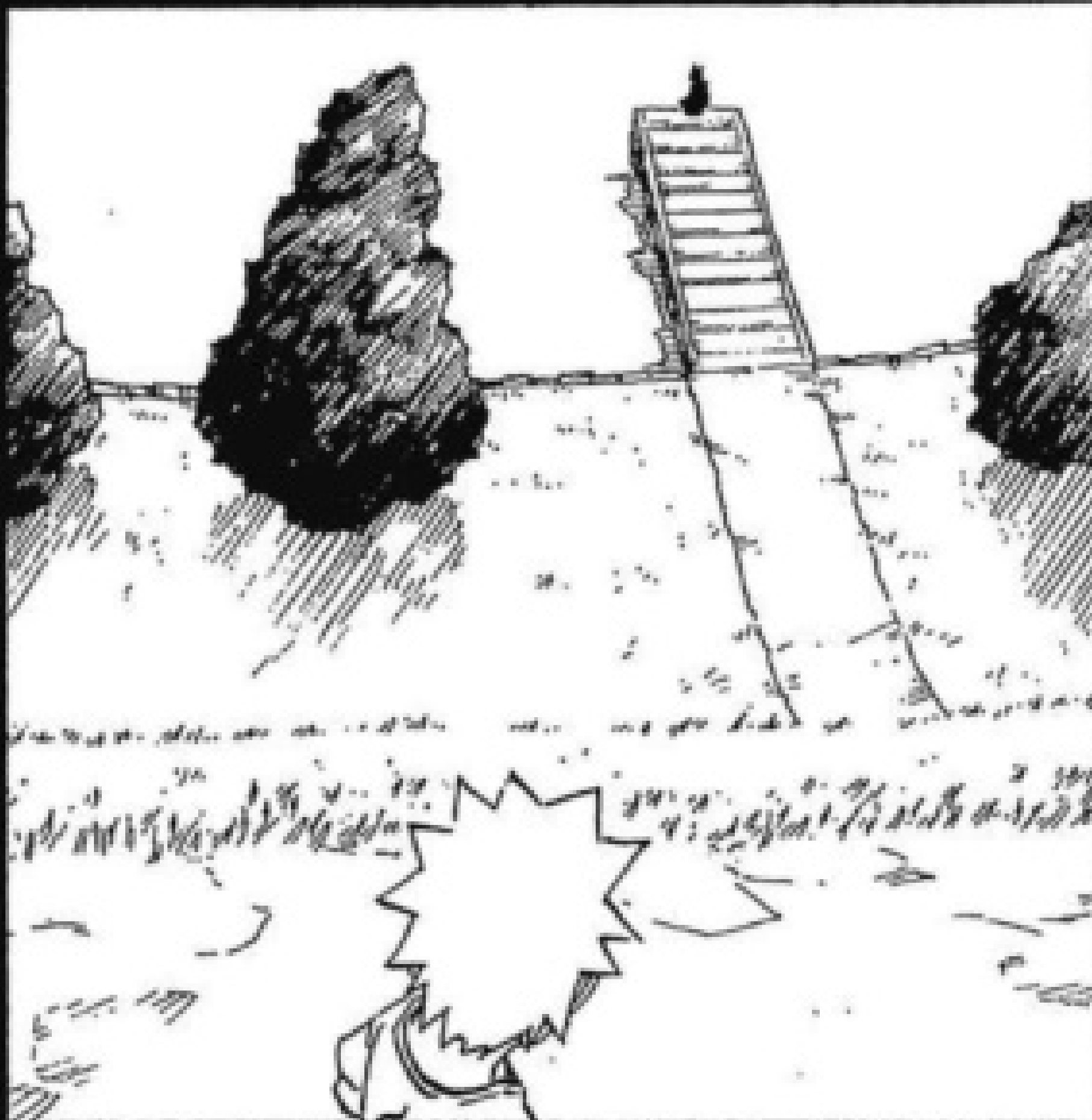


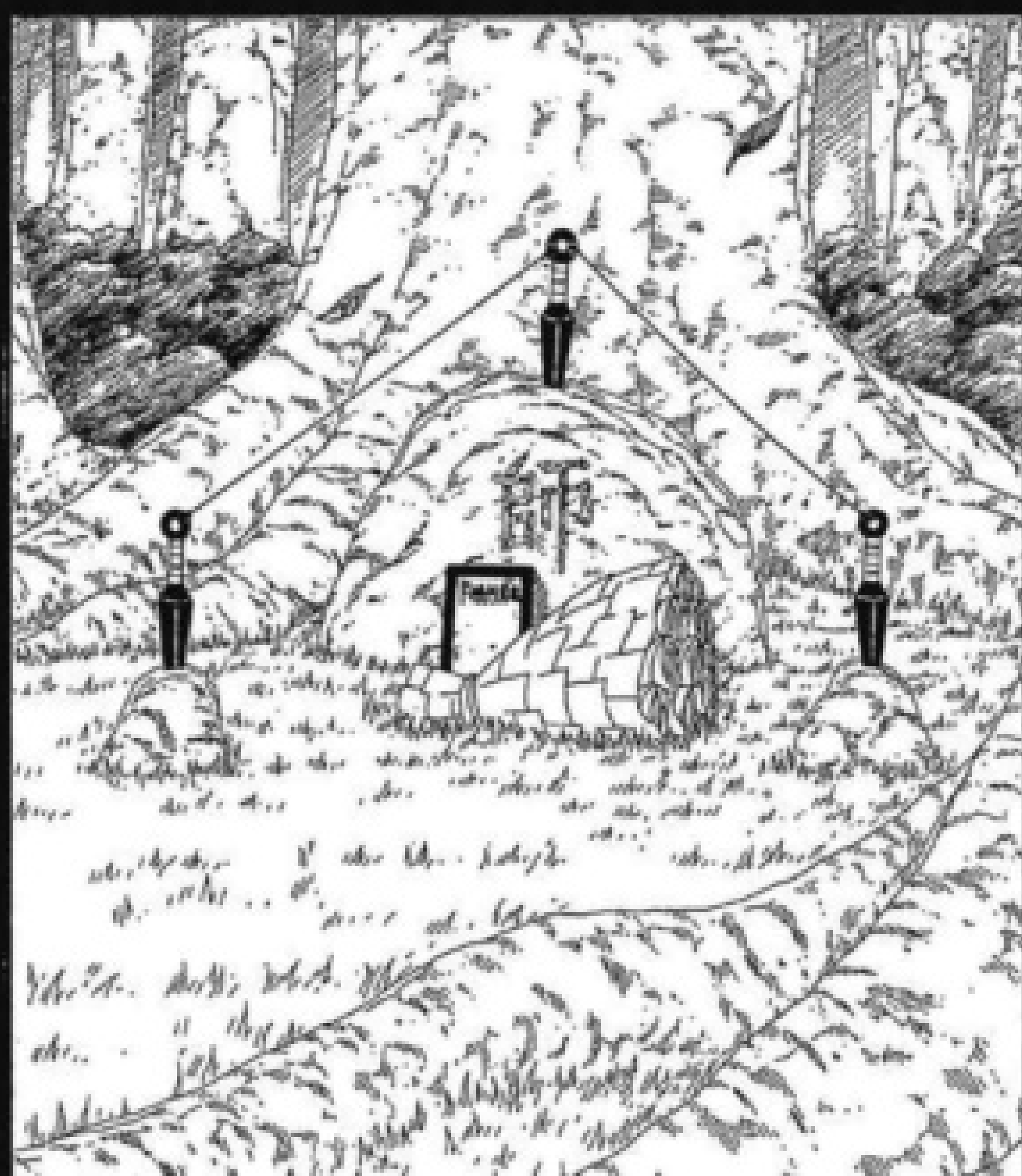














BEGINNING
WITH
CUTTING
YOU DOWN.

I WILL SUNDER
ALL PAST MISTAKES
AND DOUBTS HERE,
AND BRING ABOUT
REFORM...



I ALONE CAN
BEAR THE WEIGHT
OF ALL THE
HATRED NOW.

I AM
ALONE.



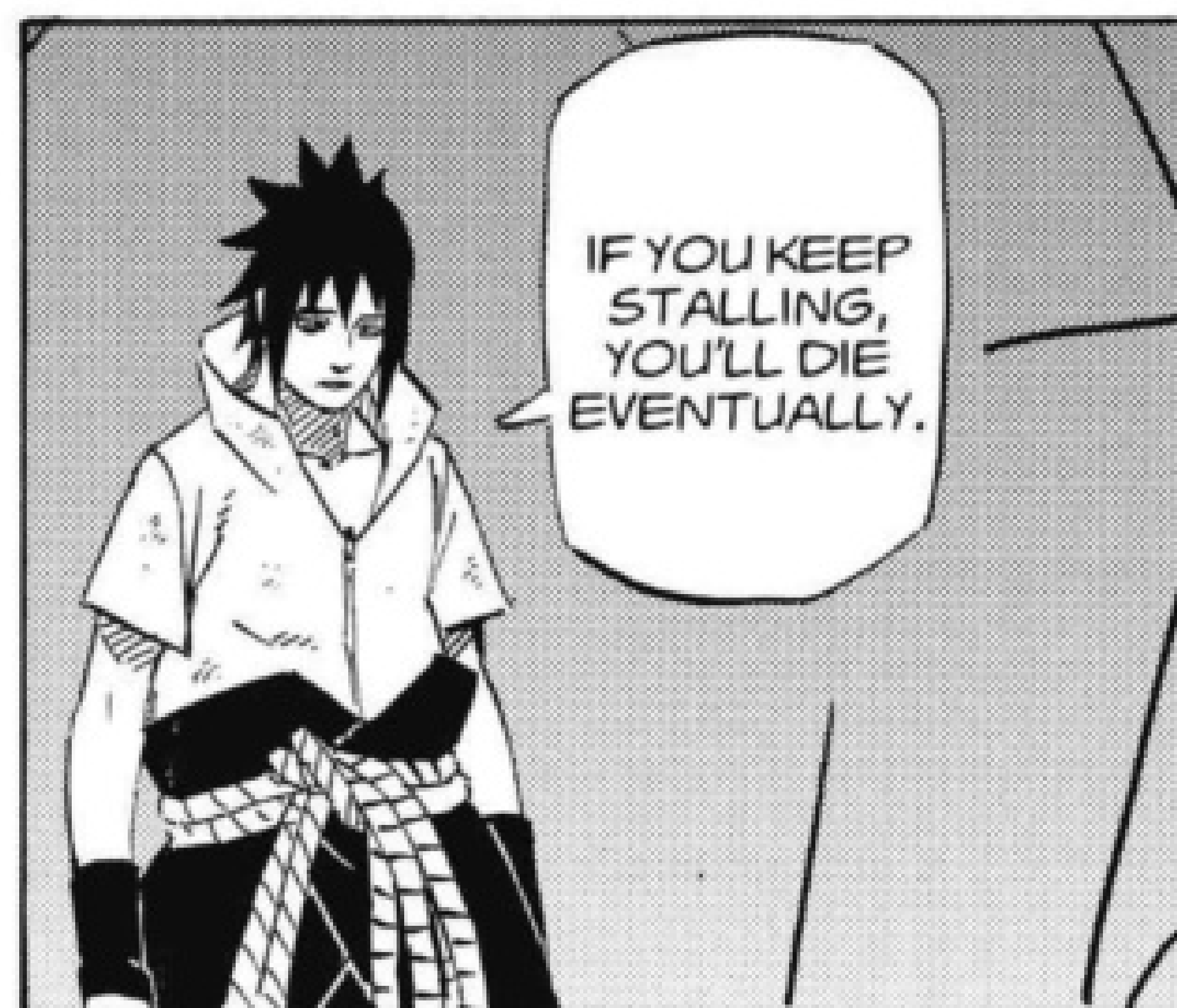
SPLAAAAASH



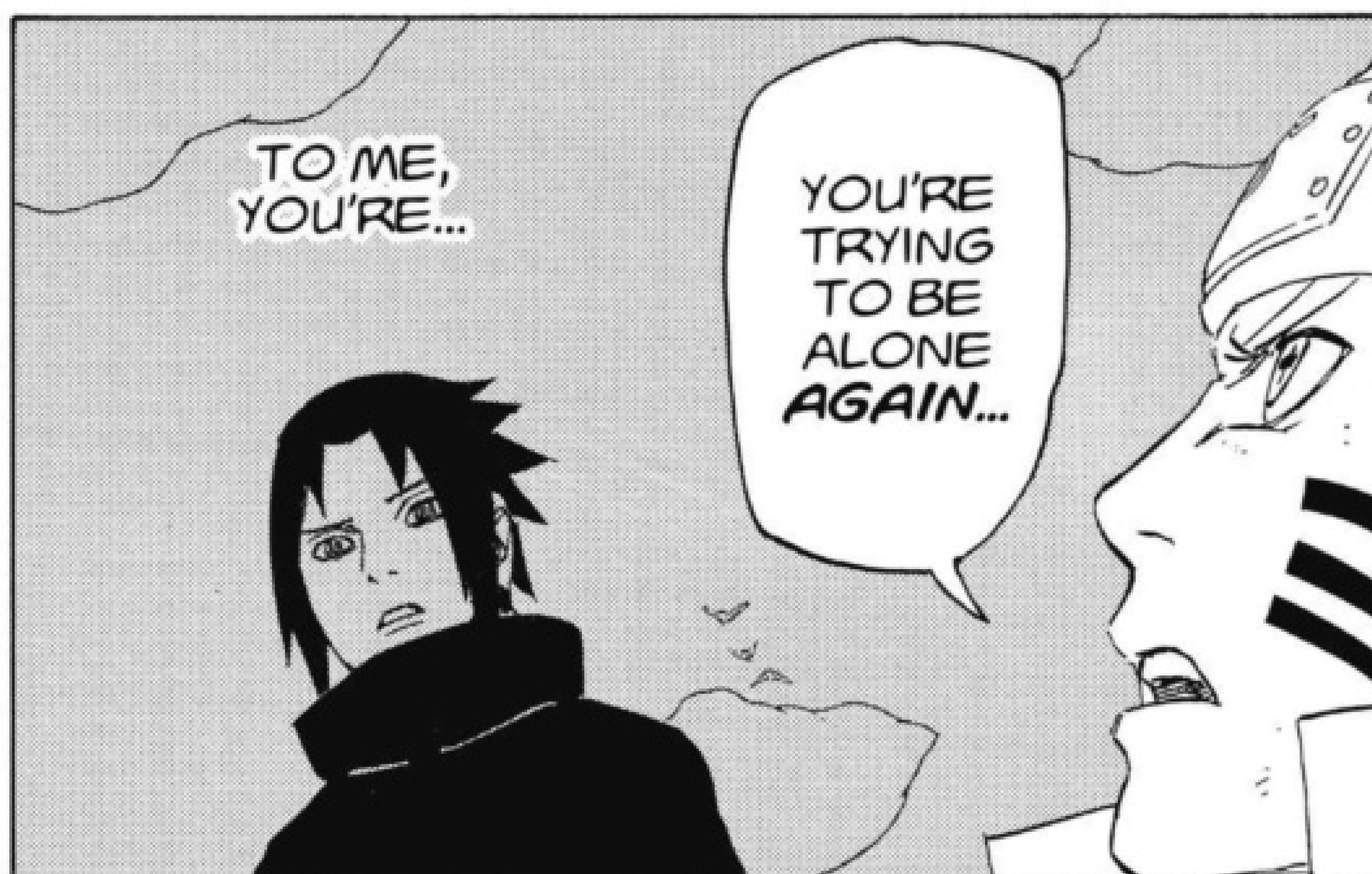
I DON'T
WANT
TO KILL
YOU.



...



IF YOU KEEP
STALLING,
YOU'LL DIE
EVENTUALLY.



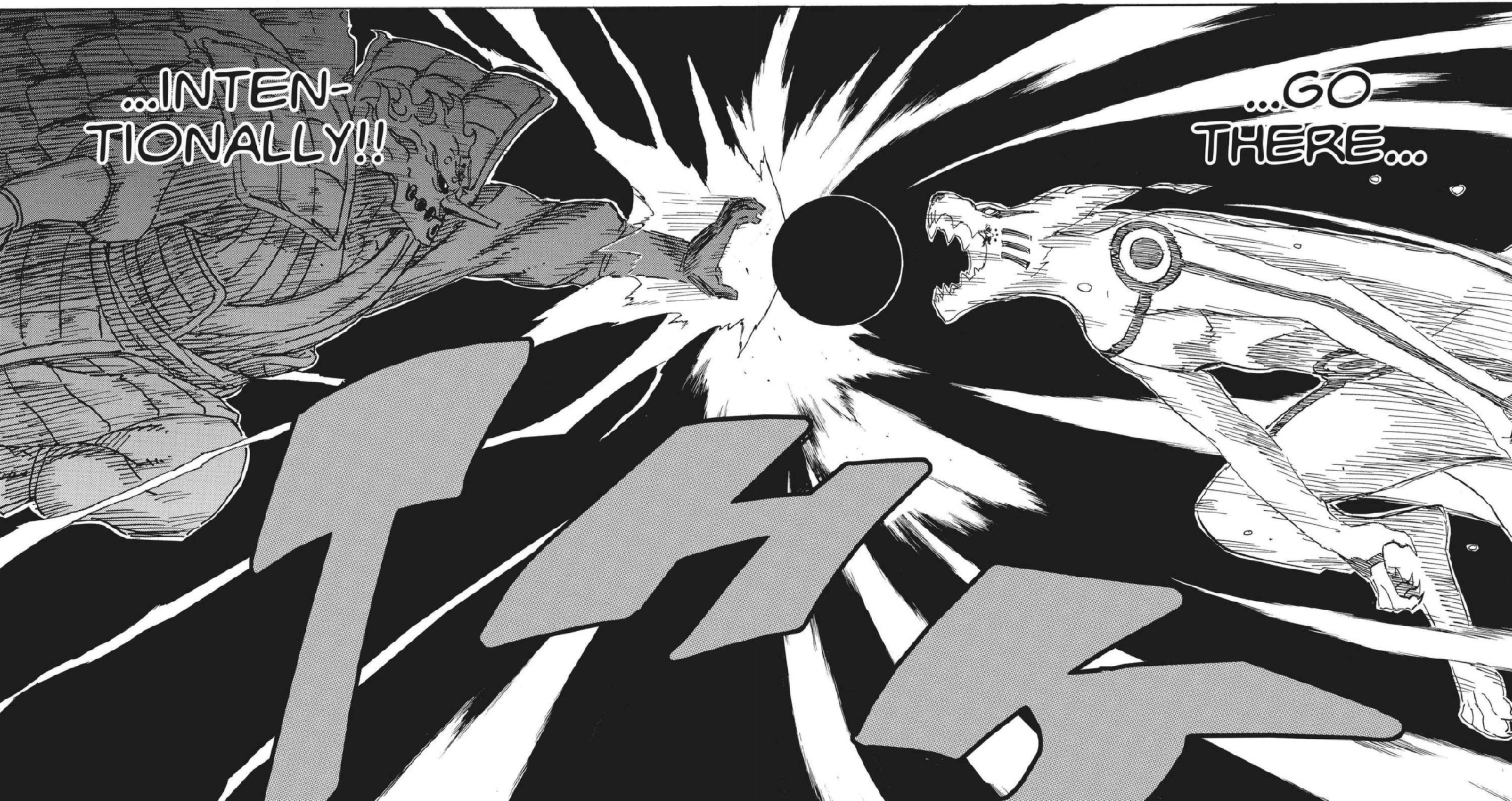
TO ME,
YOU'RE...

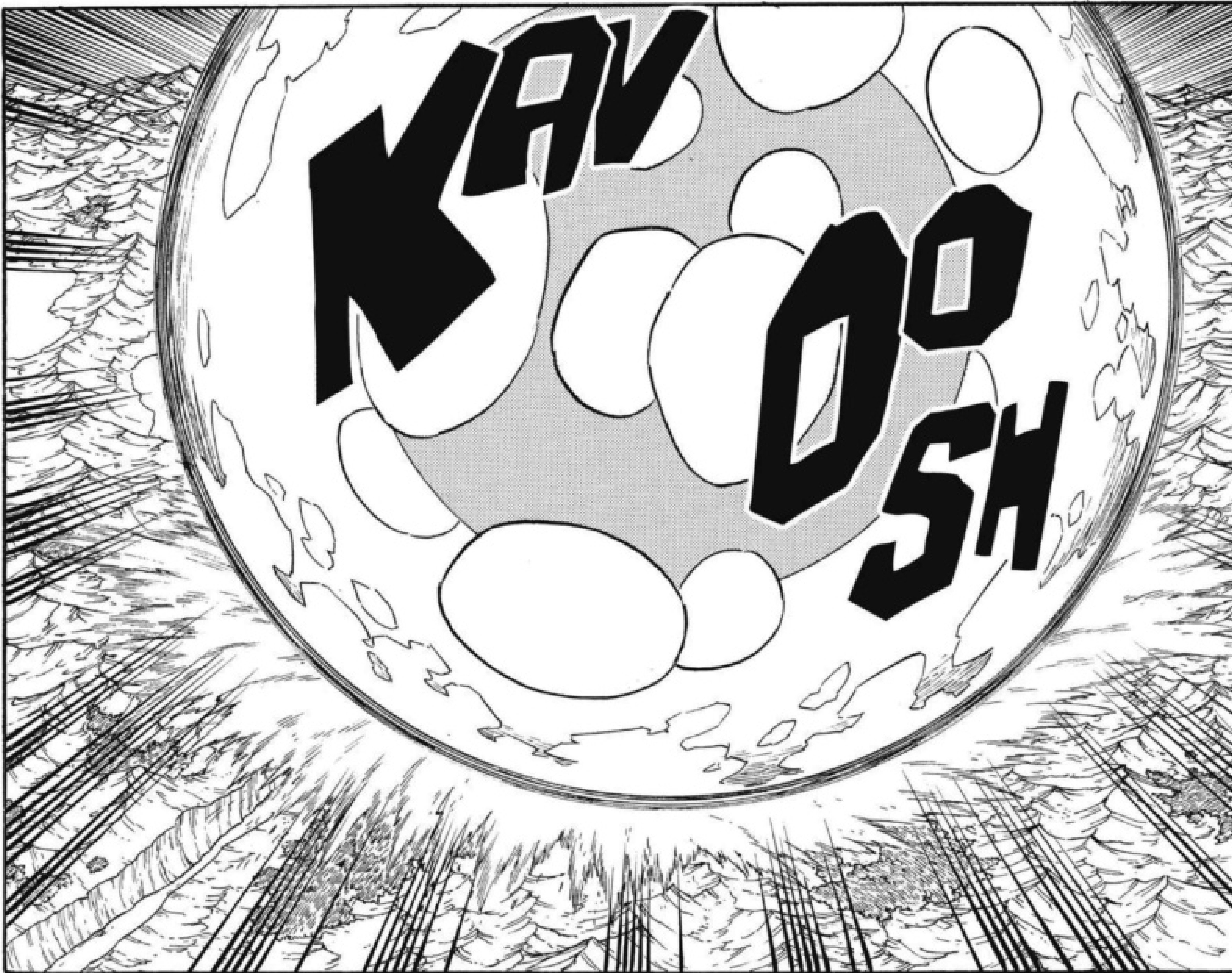
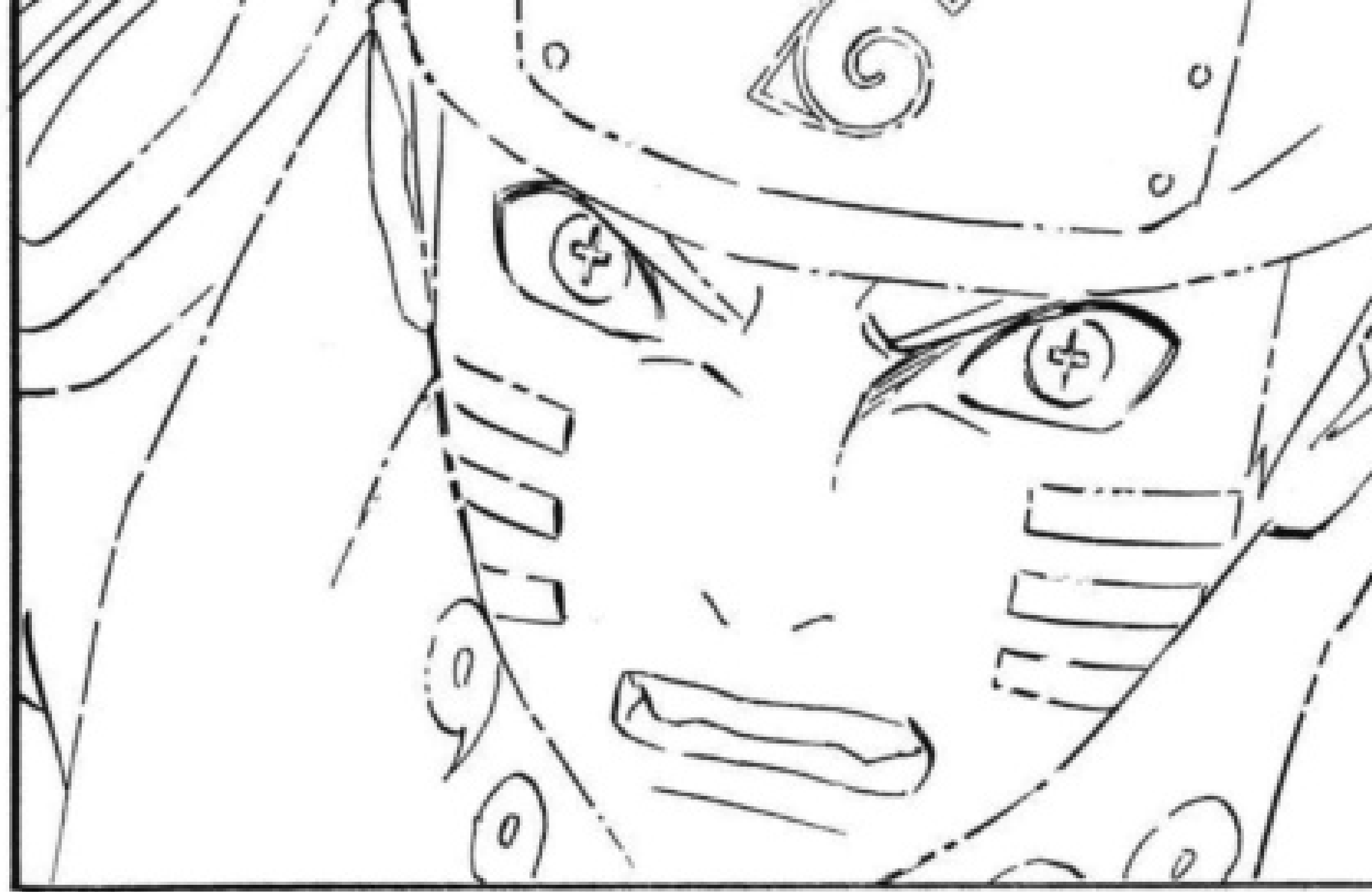
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO BE
ALONE
AGAIN...

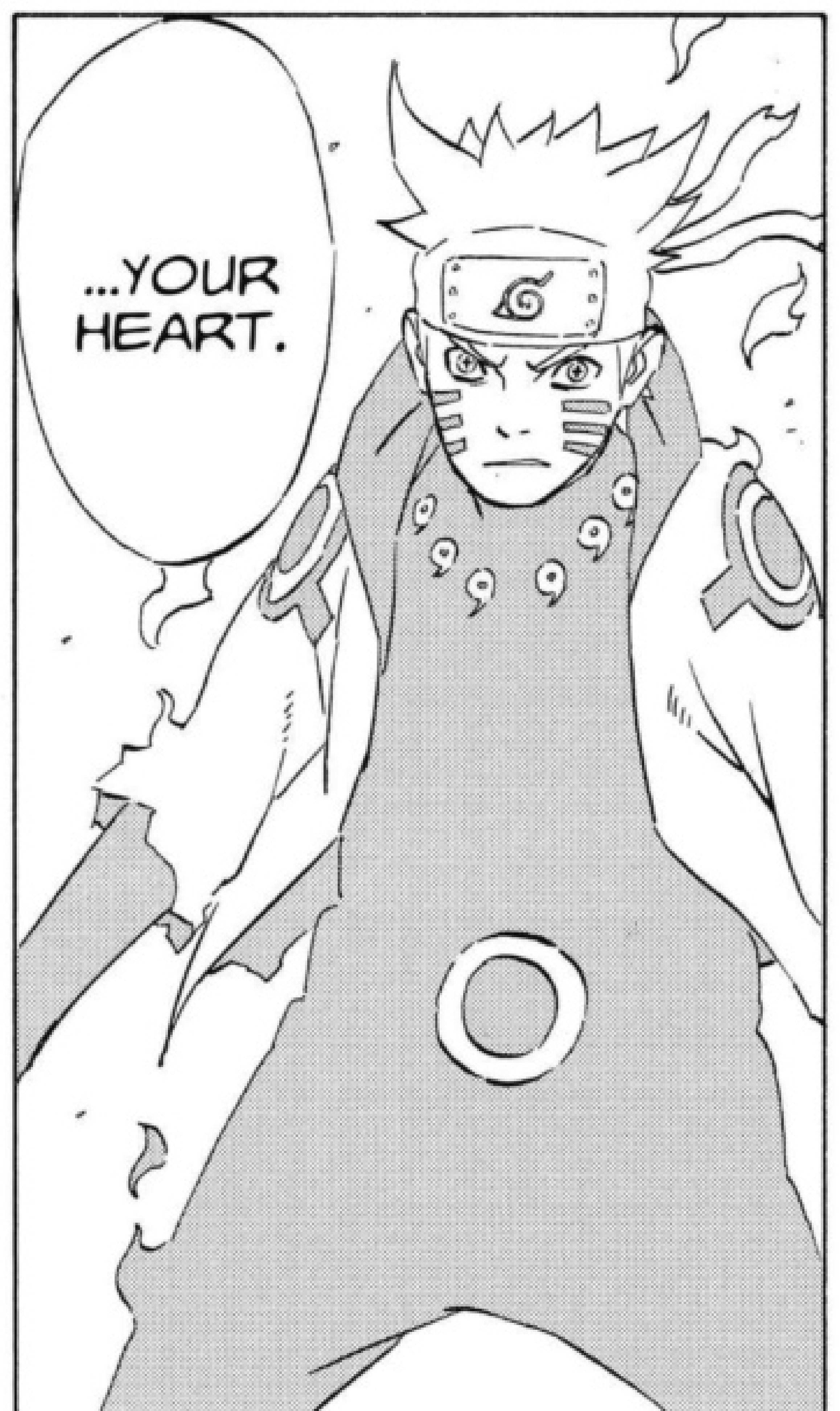
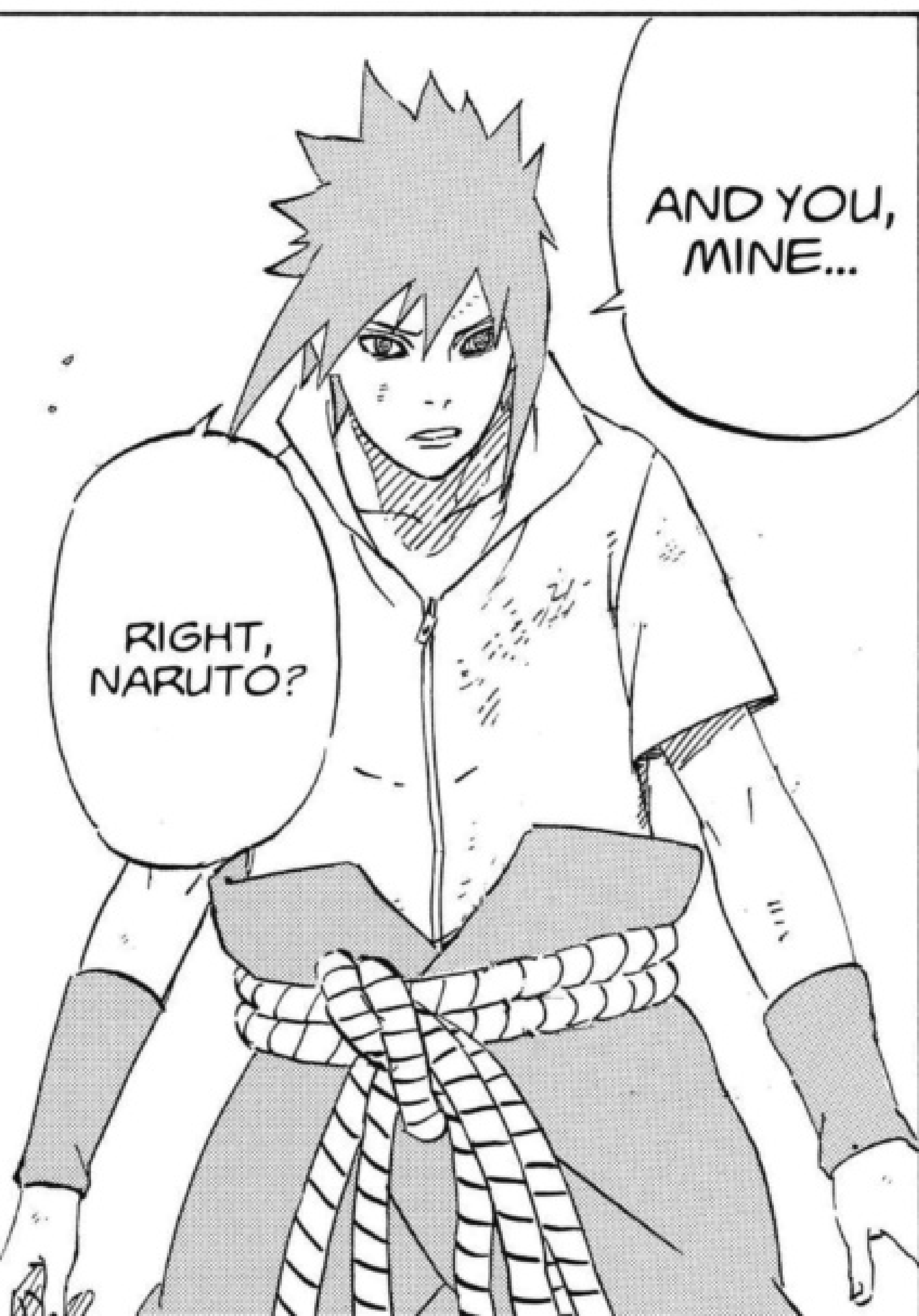


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END OF SERIES COMMEMORATION ILLUSTRATION (3)

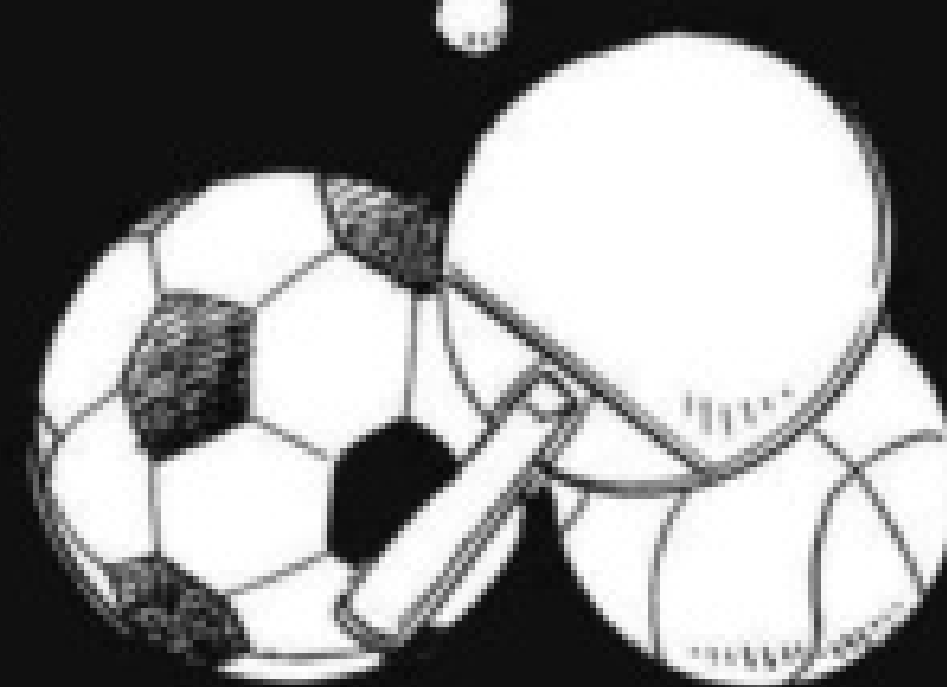
SERIES END
CELEBRATION!

NARUTO



© THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK ON
THE SERIES THESE PAST 15 YEARS! I HOPE
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH YOUR FAMILY
AS HARD AS YOU'VE WORKED!

TAKAHIRO HIRAISHI

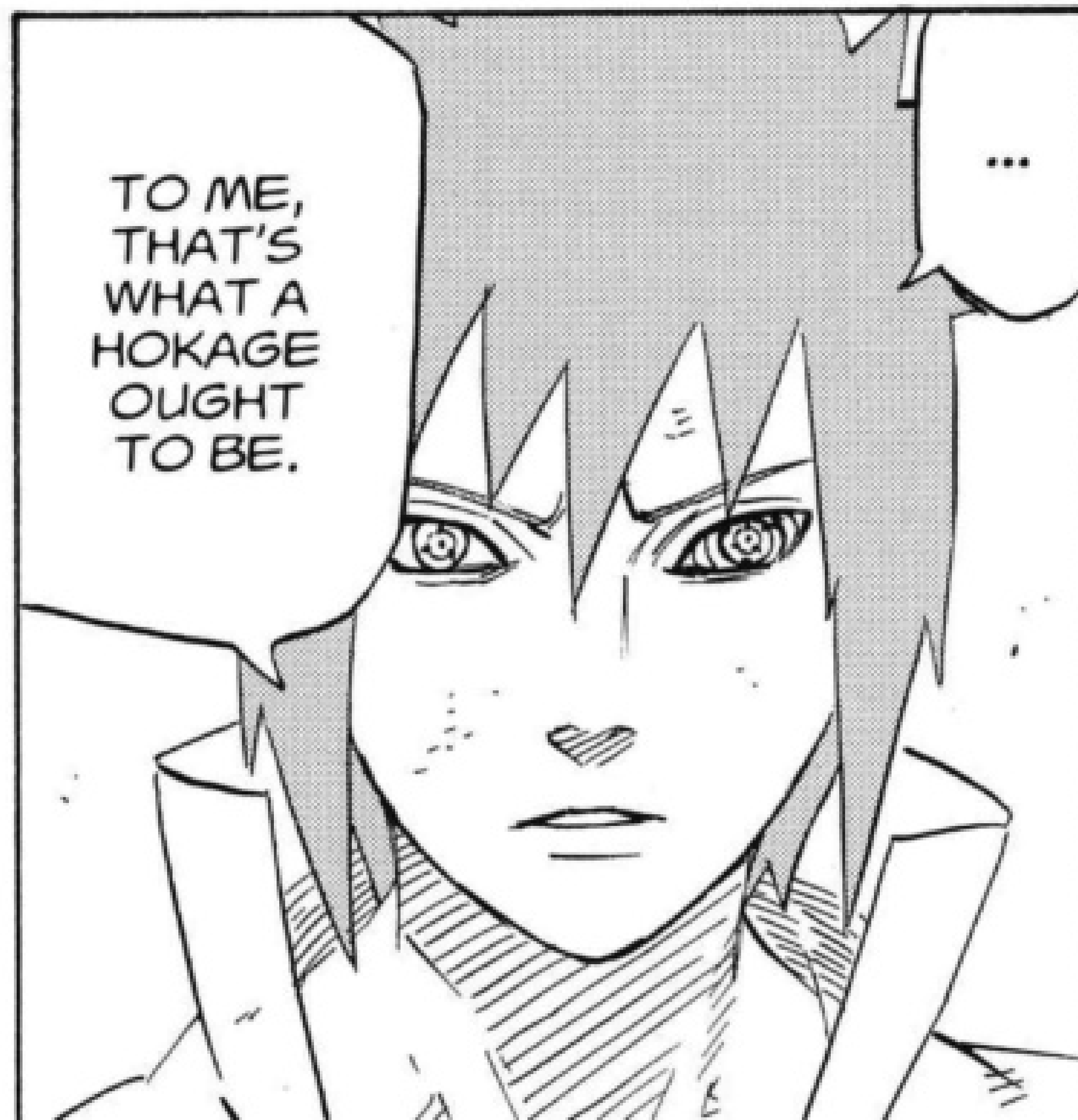
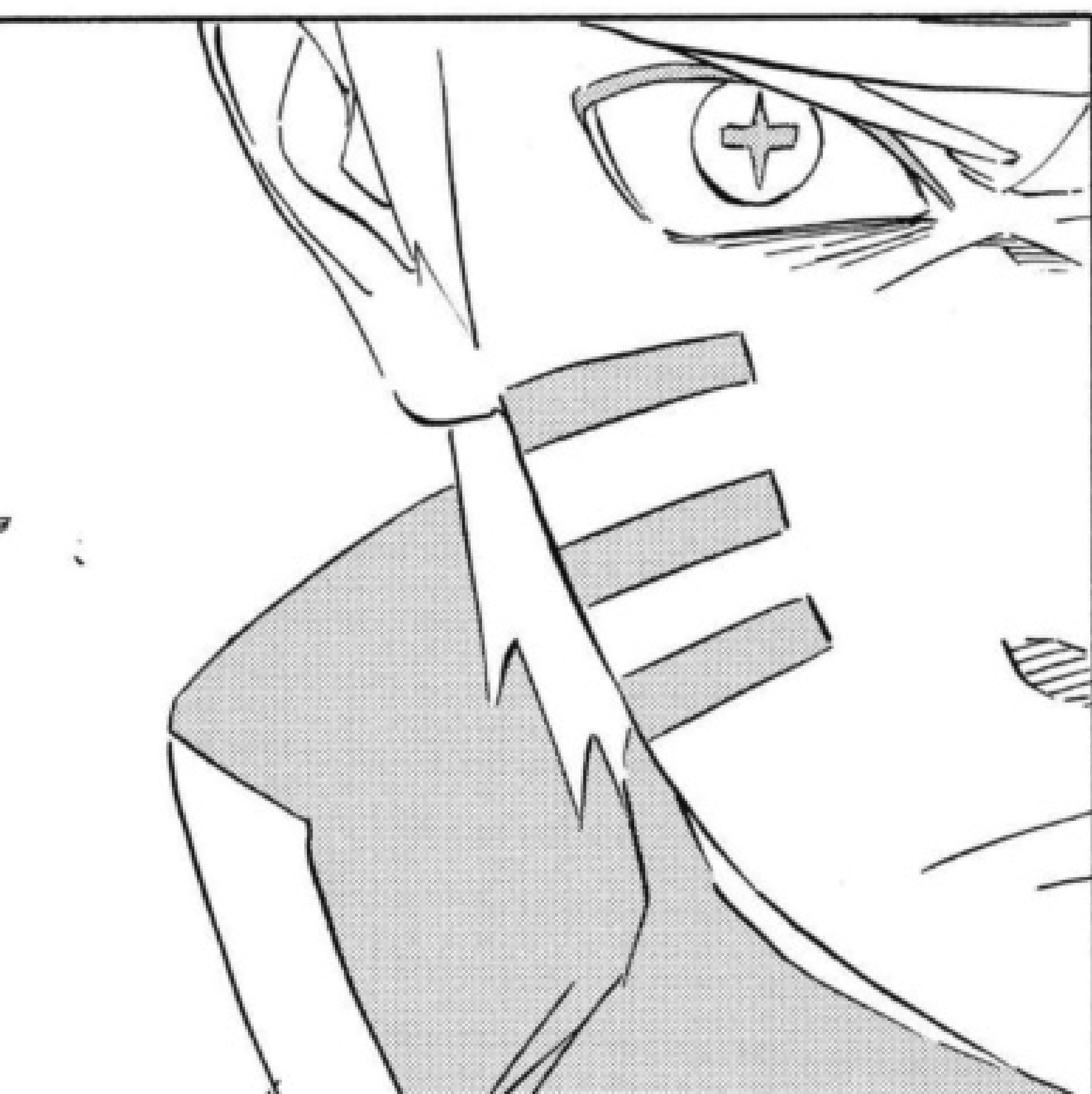


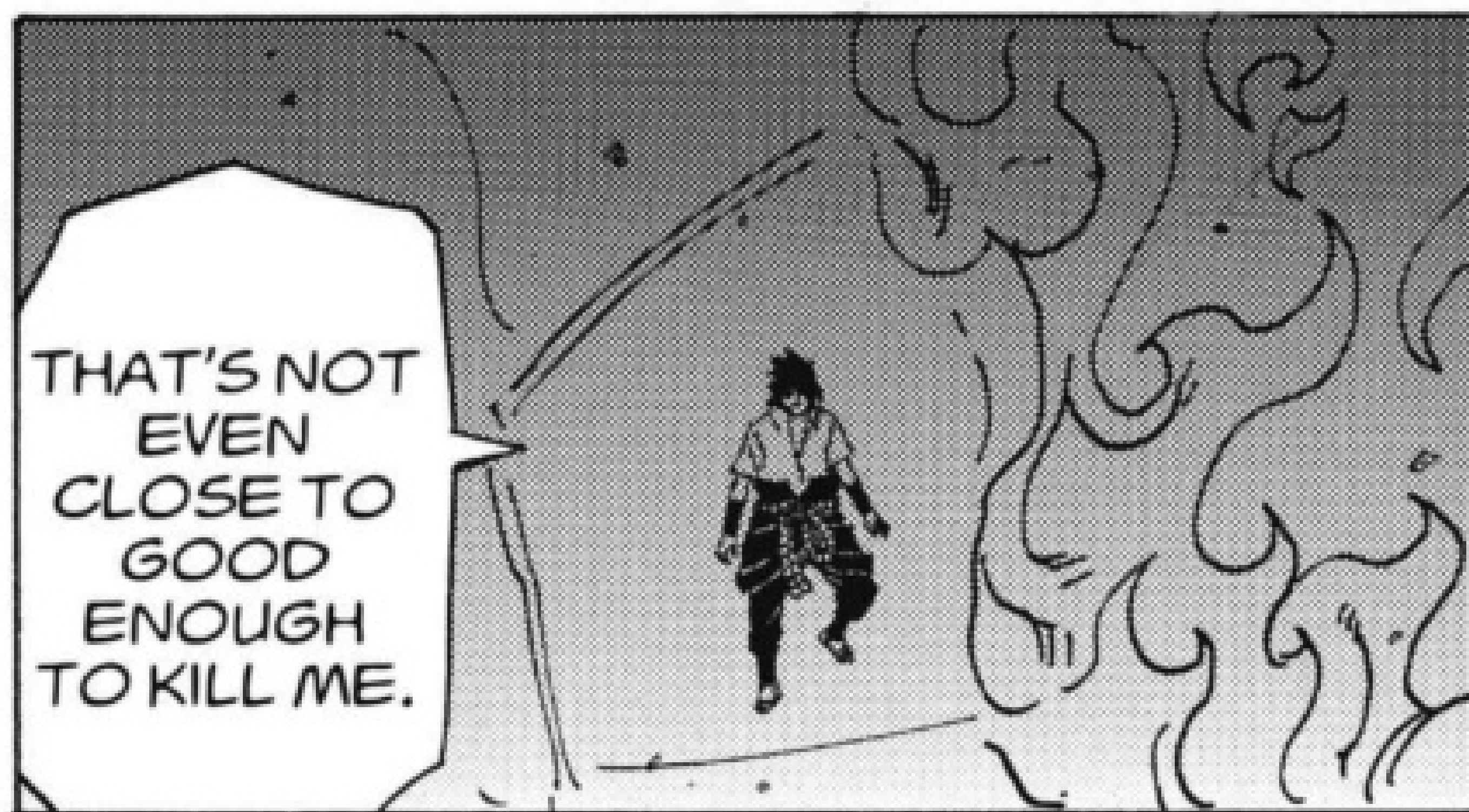
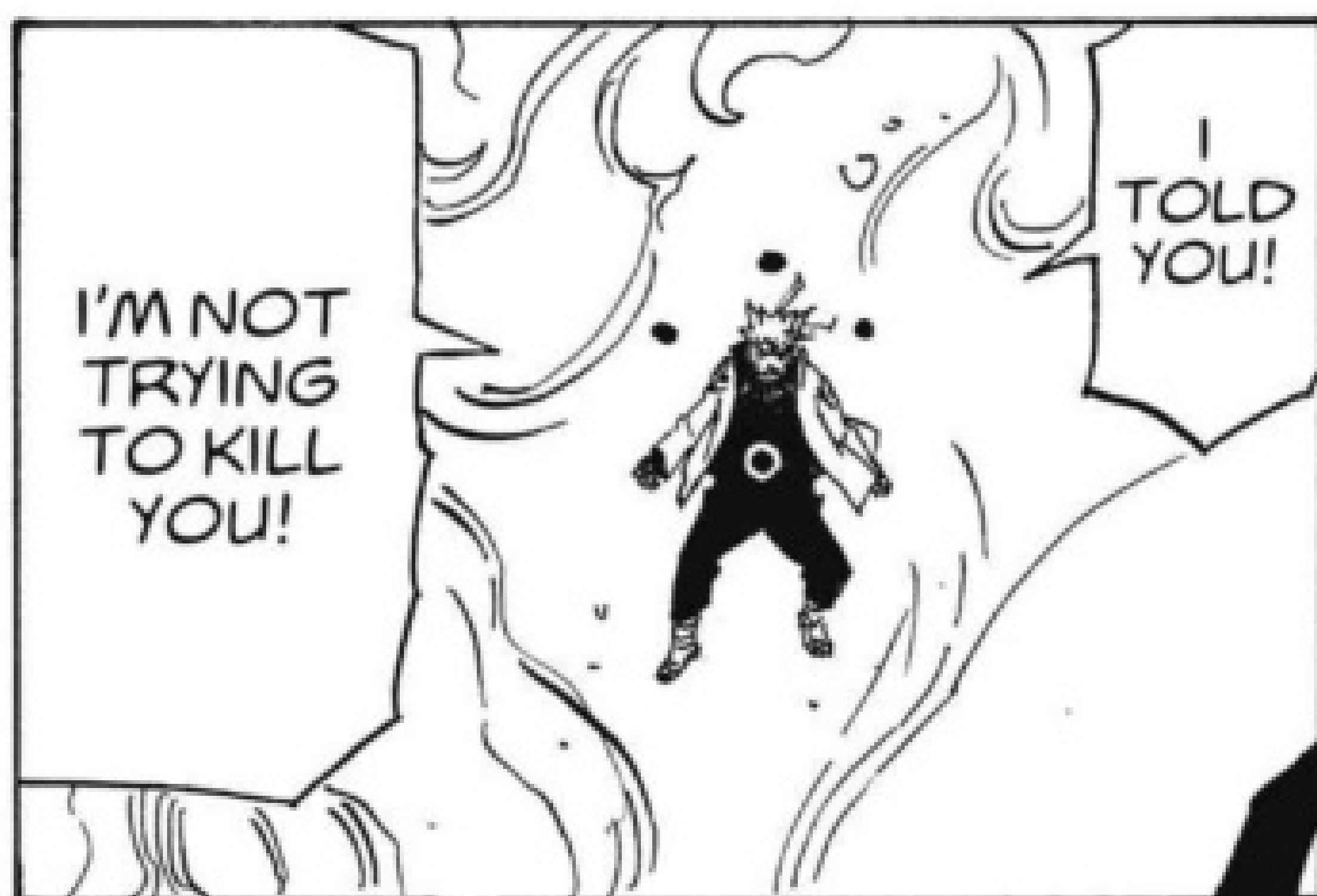
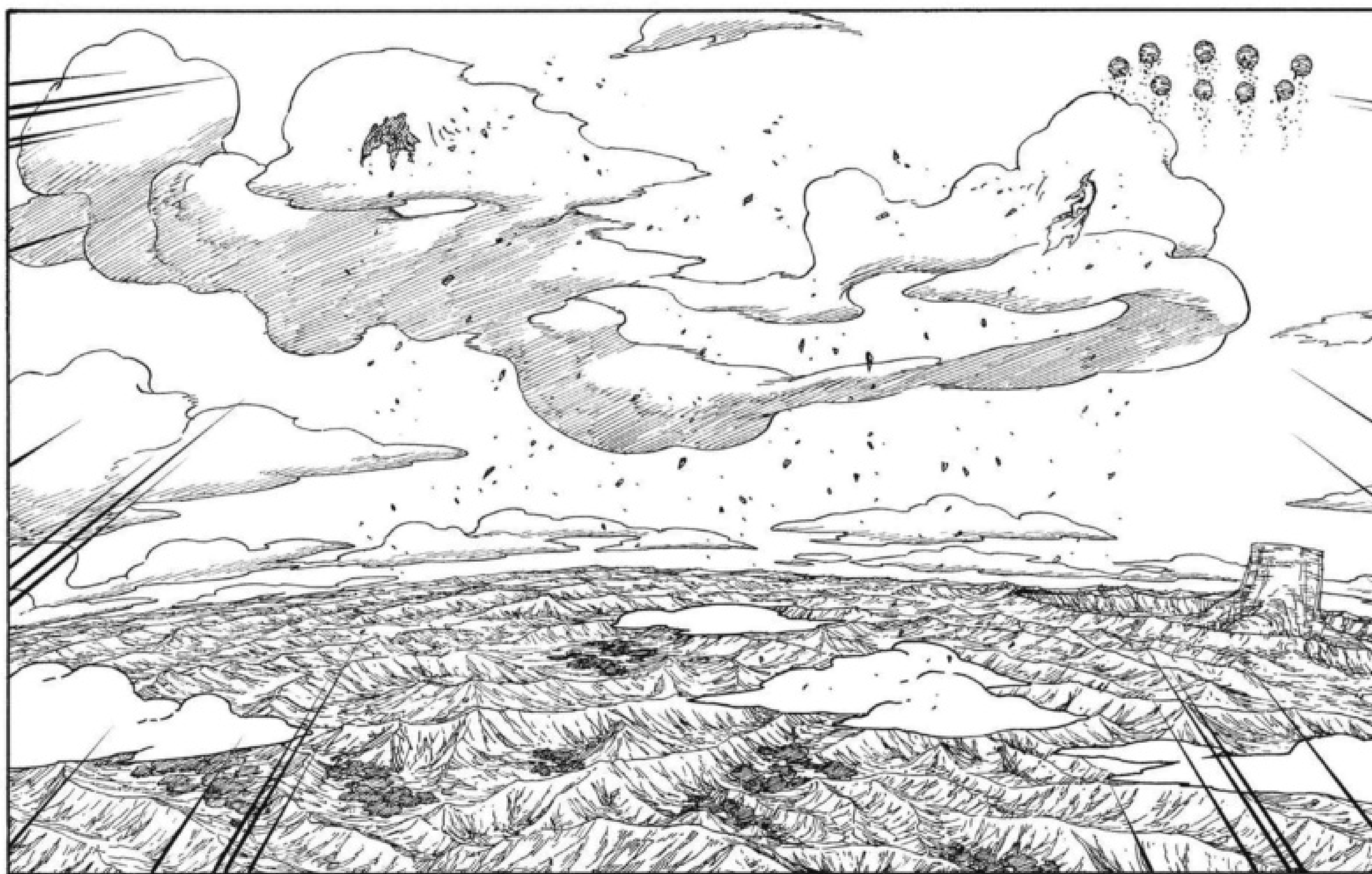


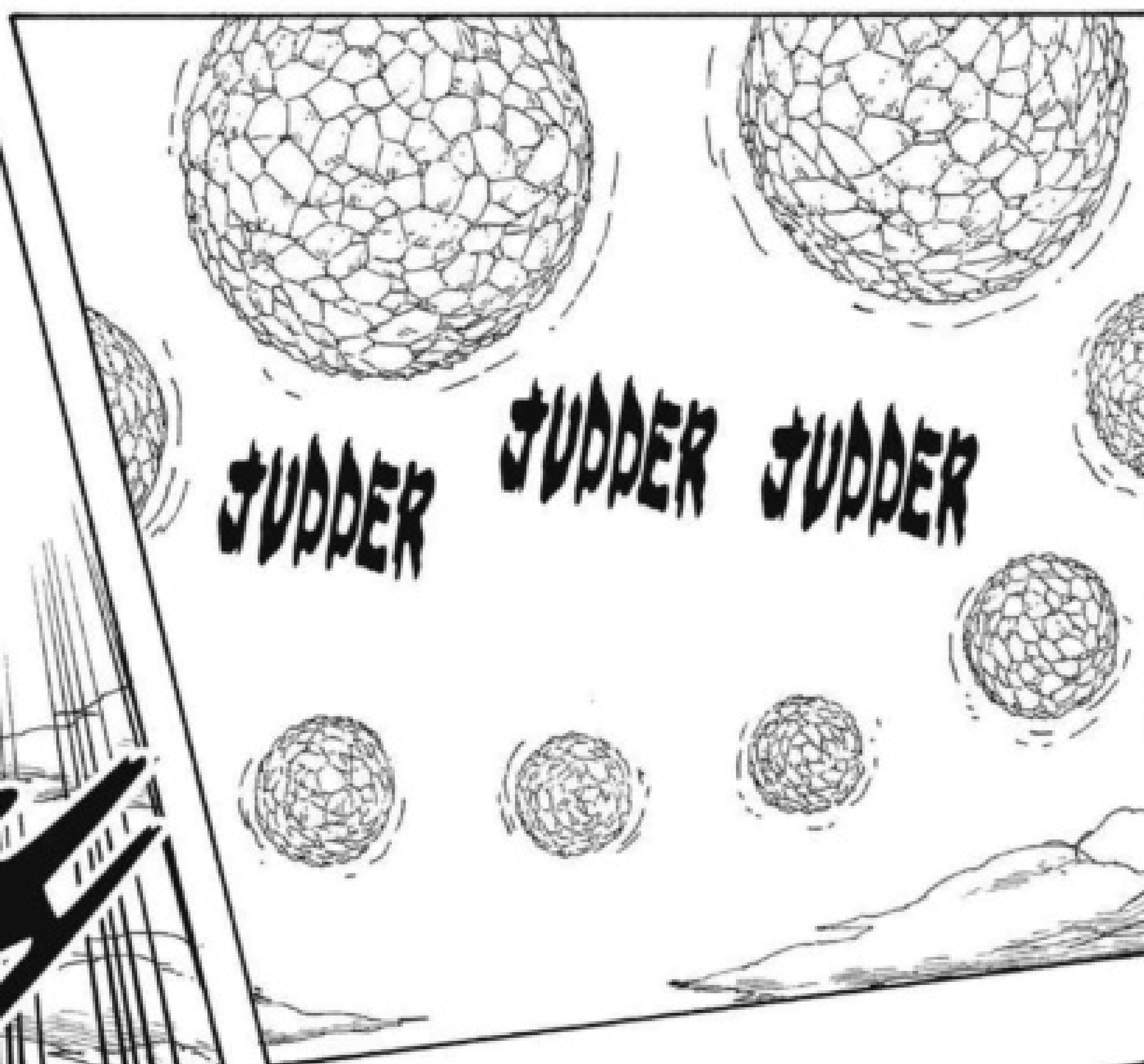
Number 696: Naruto and Sasuke, Part 3

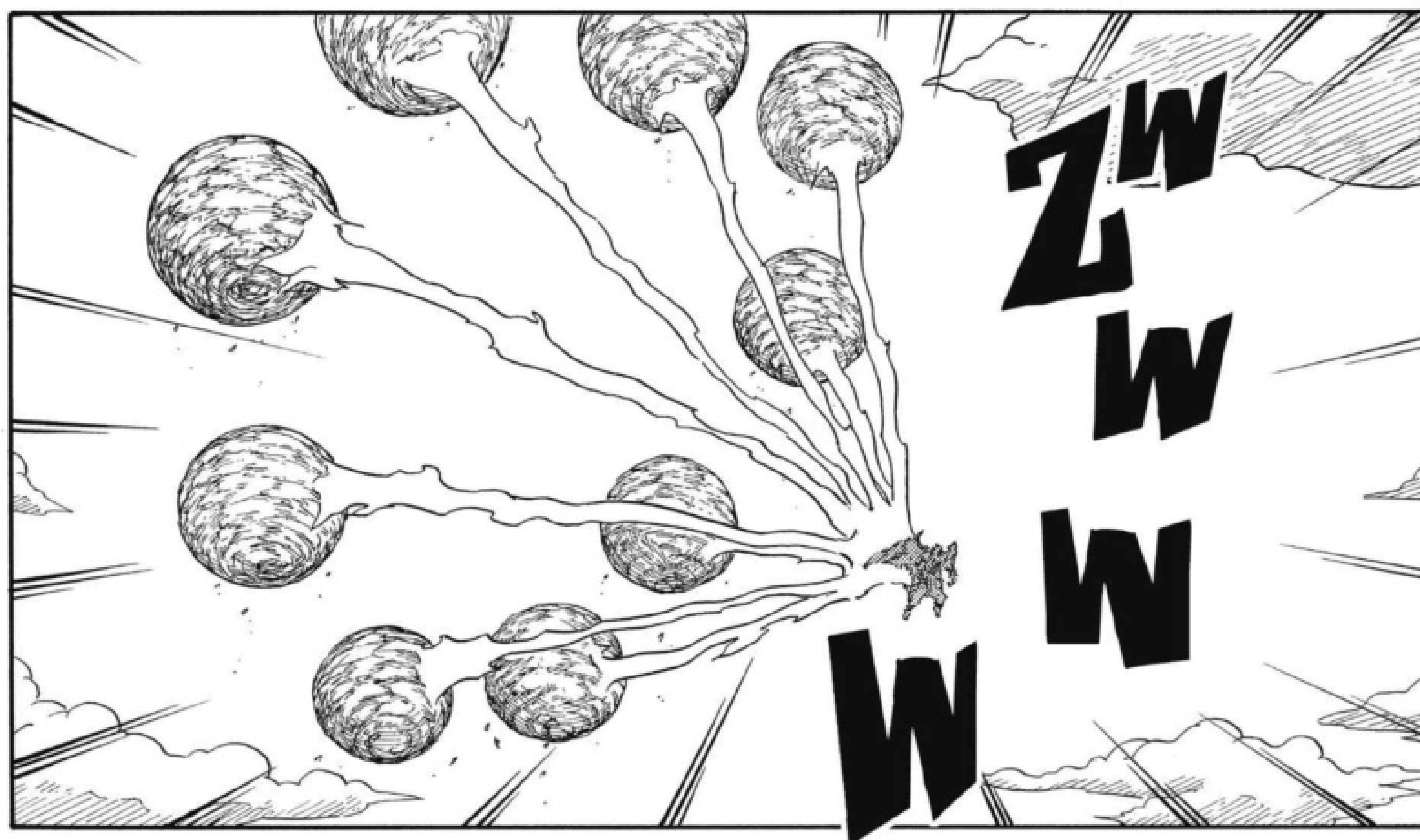


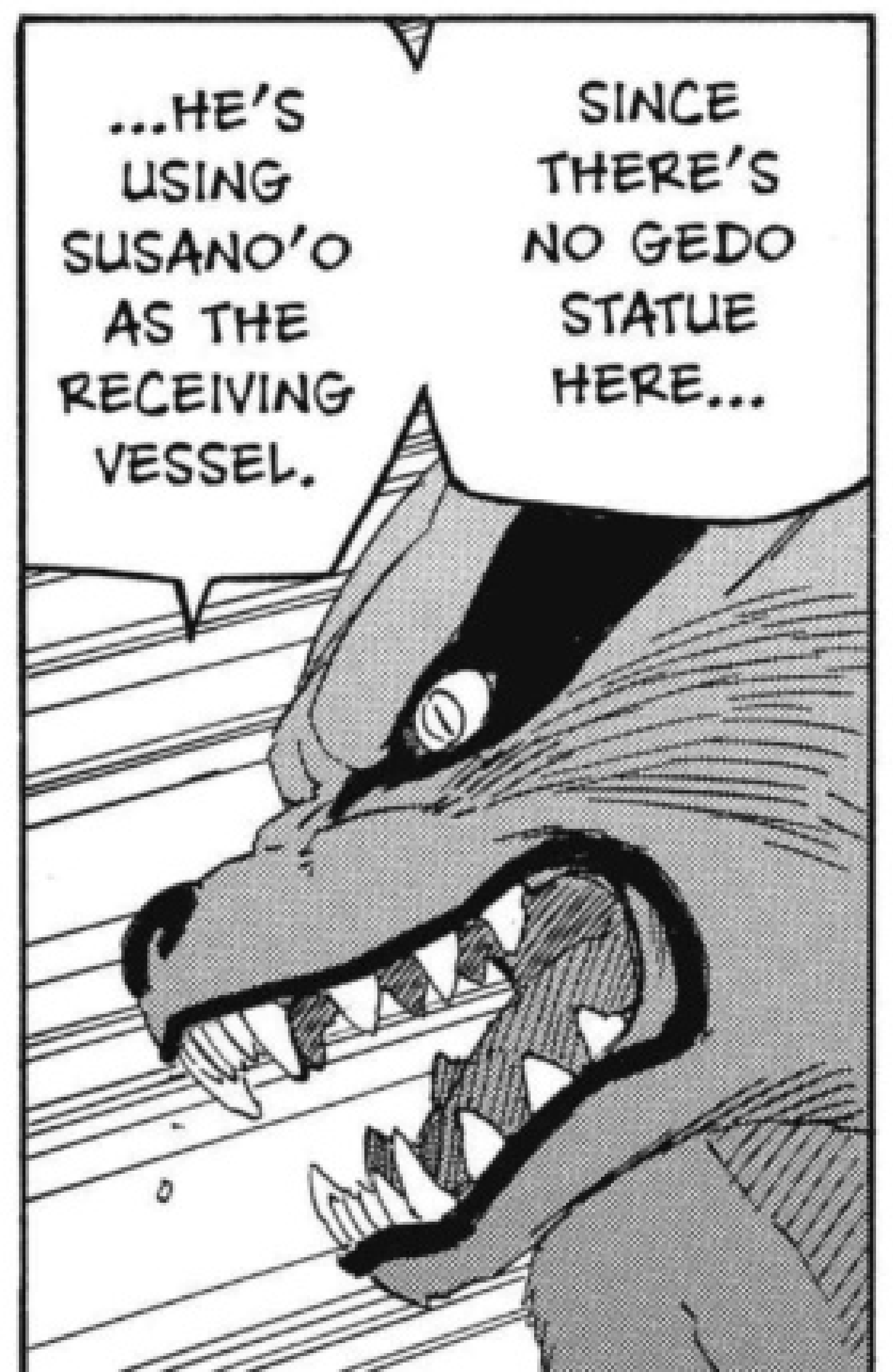
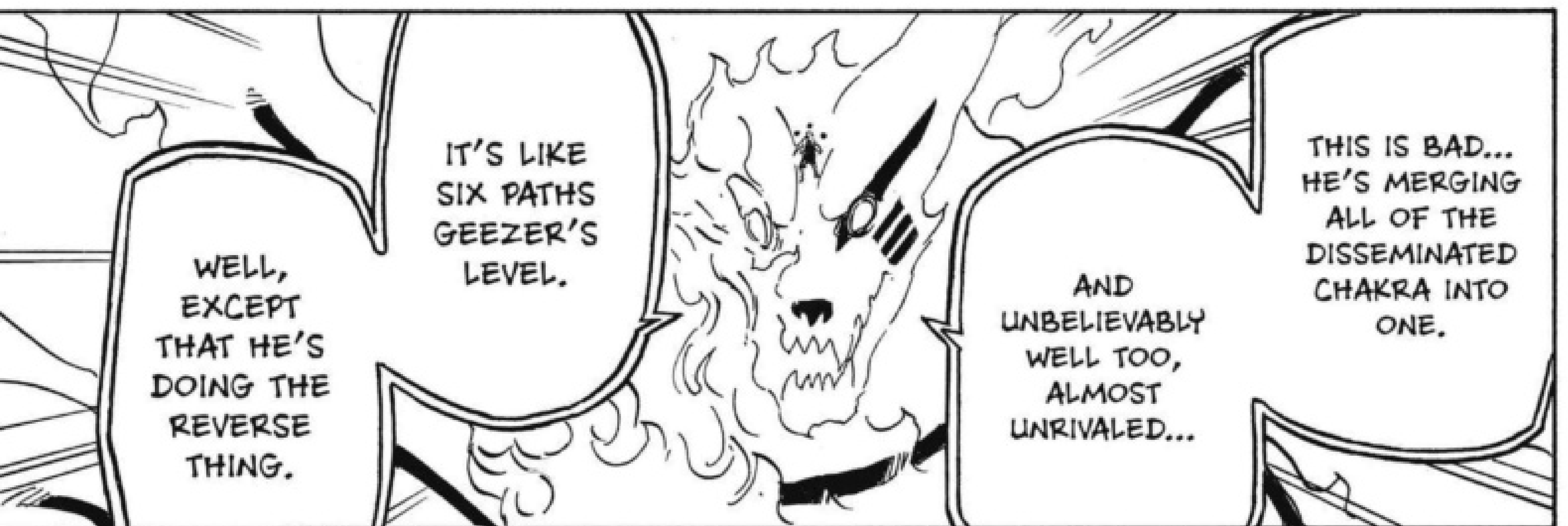








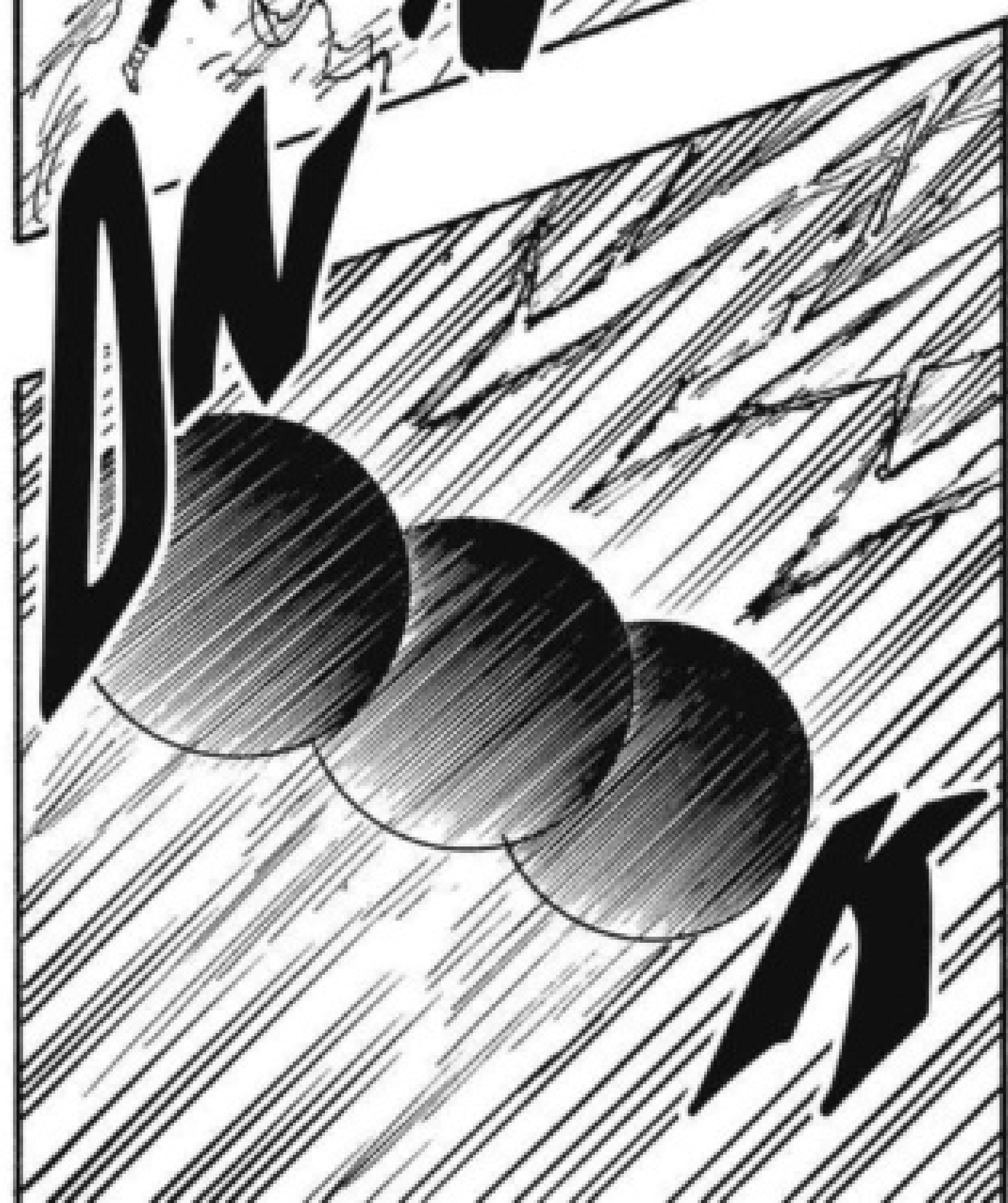


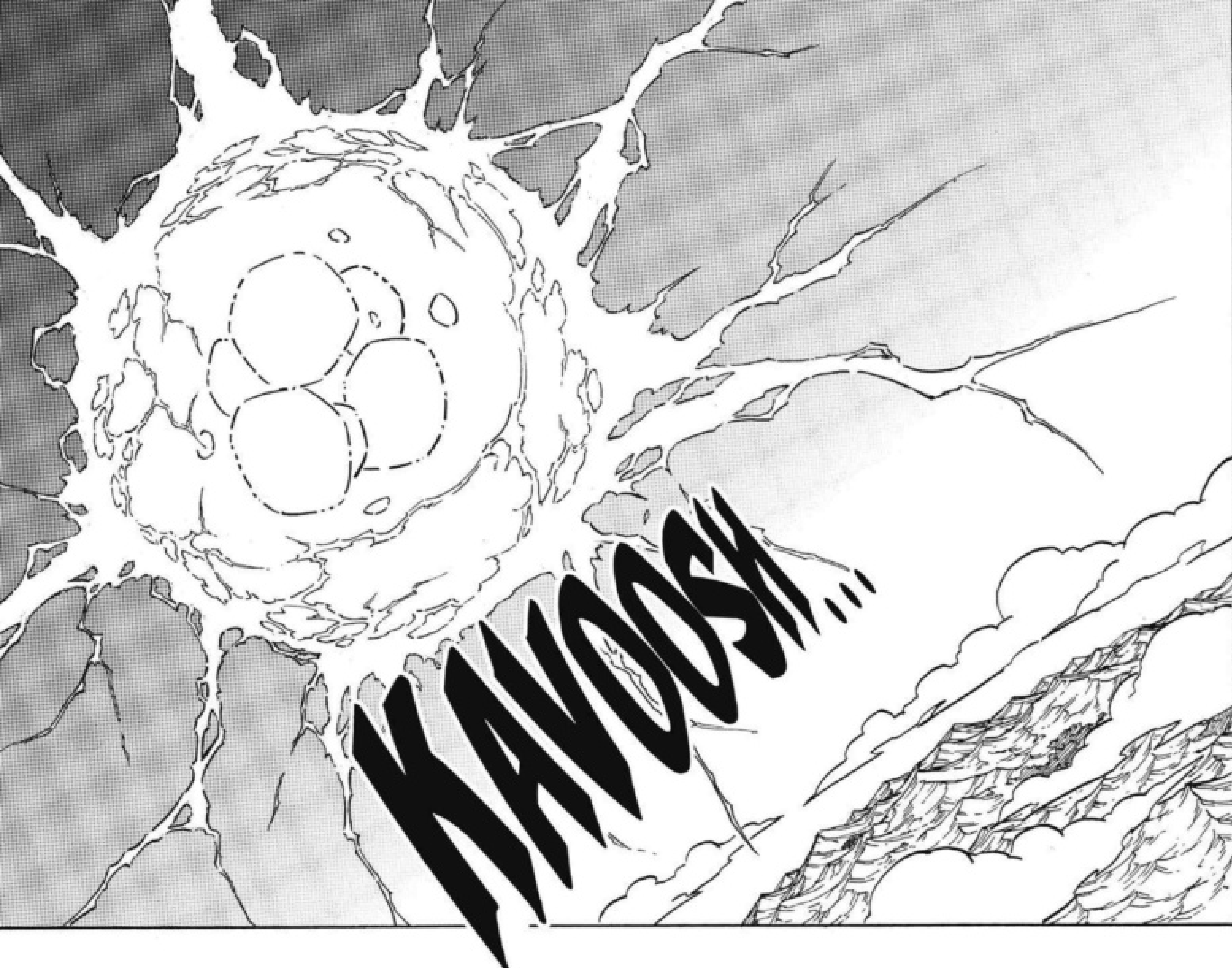
















BOOF



IT'S
EVERYTHING
THAT'S
AVAILABLE!
HERE IT
COMES!!

I MIGHT'VE
AMASSED A
LITTLE TOO
MUCH, IN
FACT.

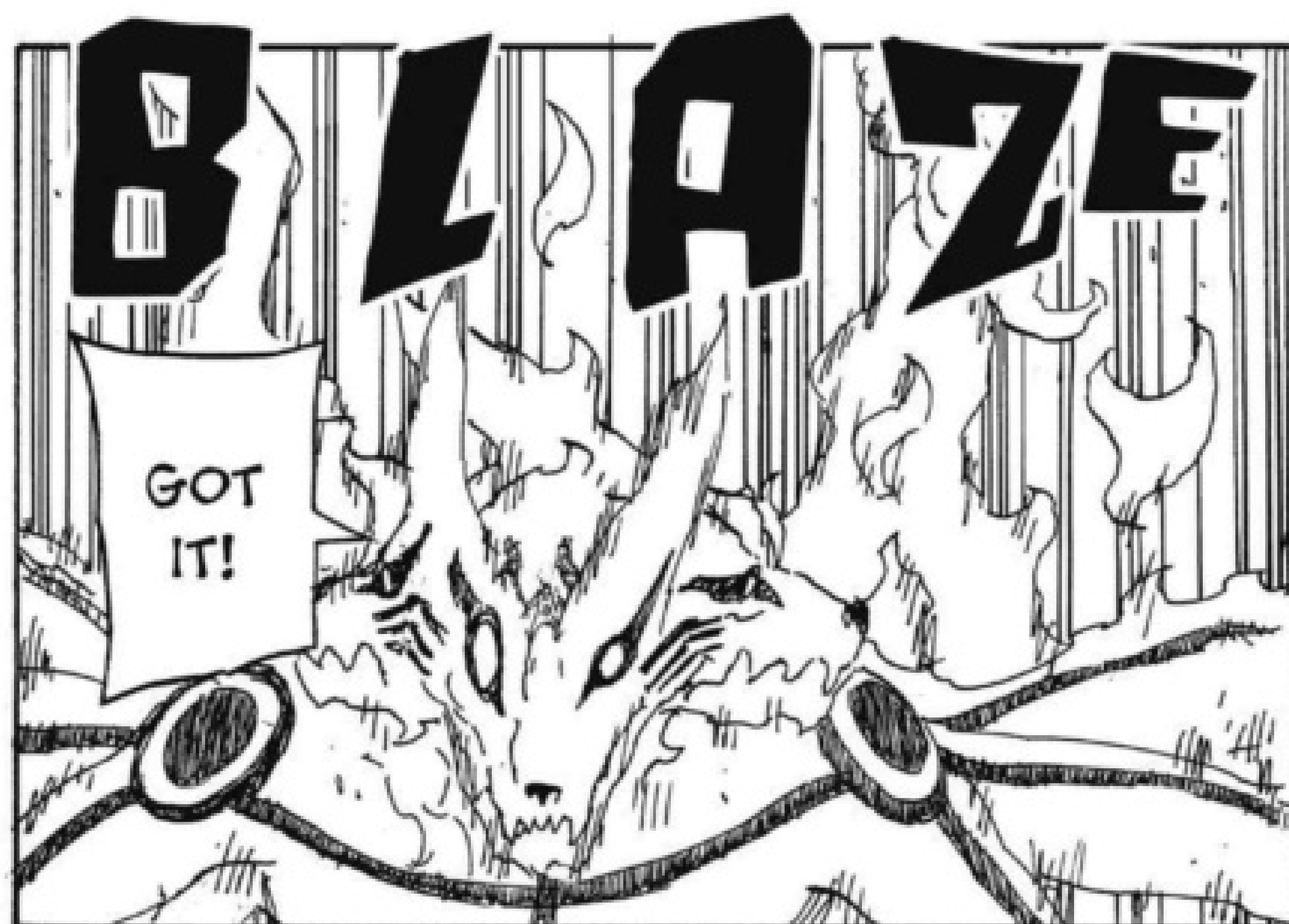


I CAN
FEEL IT!

?!

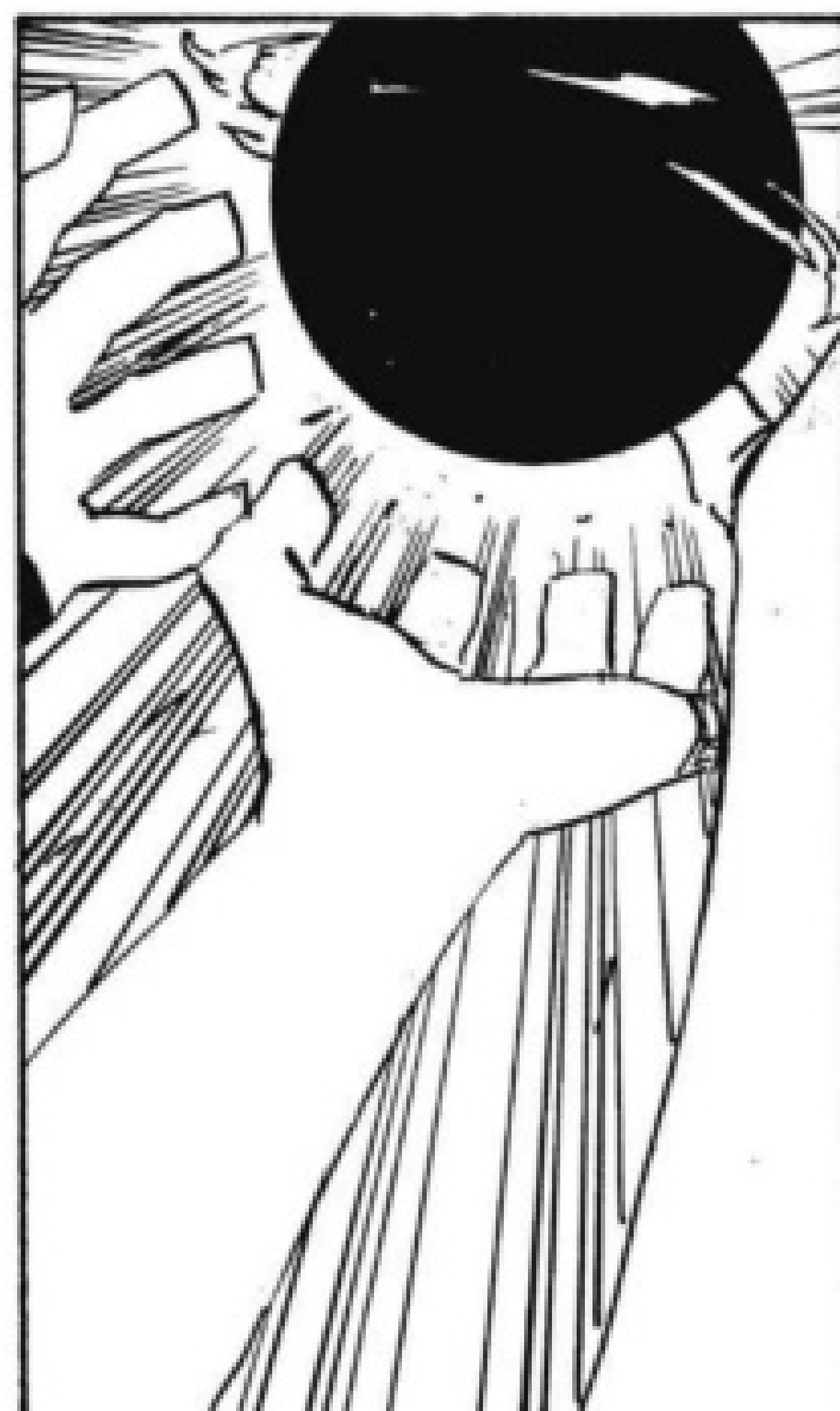
HOW'D HE
GAIN SO
MUCH NATURE
ENERGY
SUDDENLY?!

BZZZ 22



BLAZE

GOT
IT!

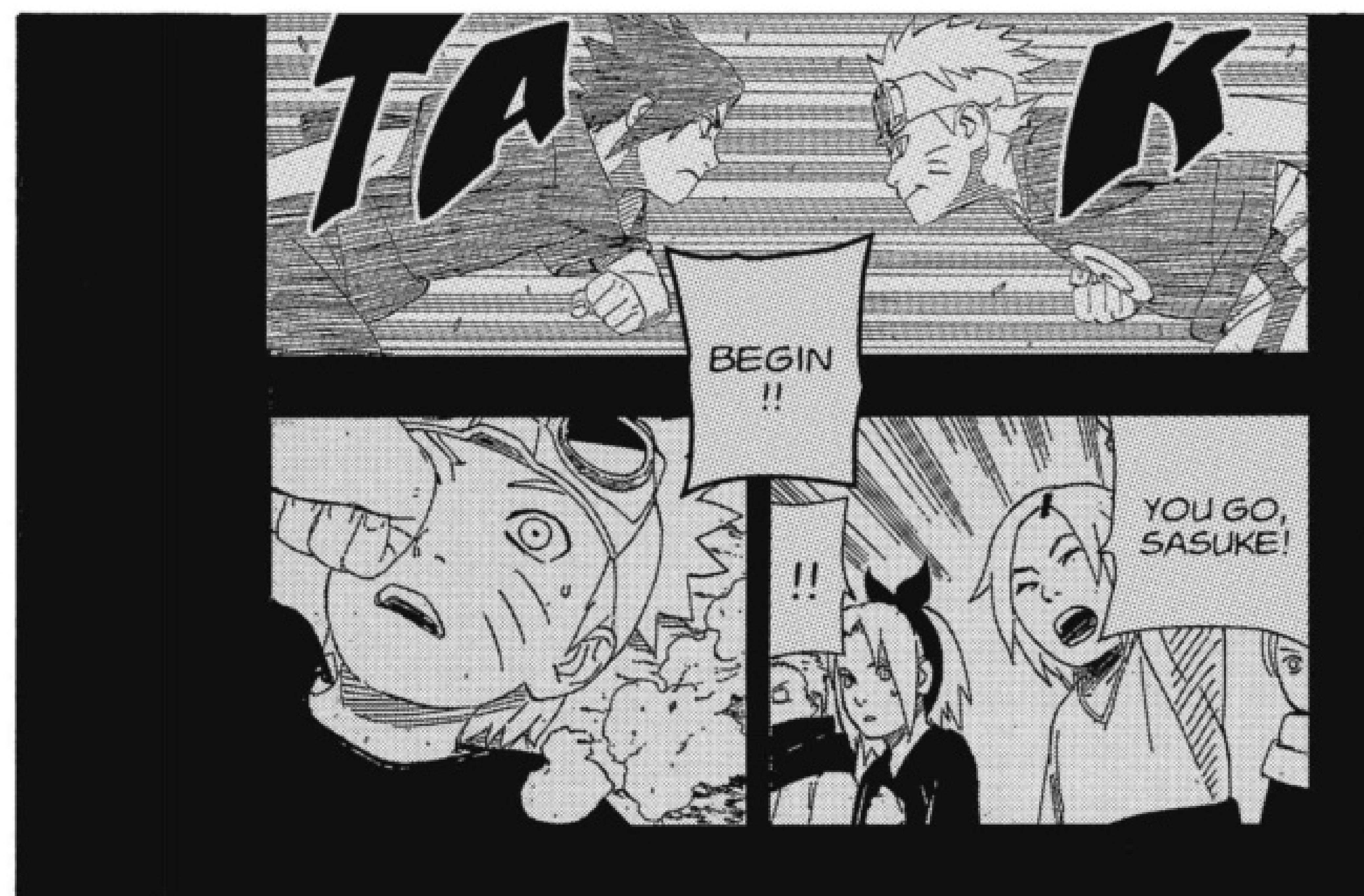
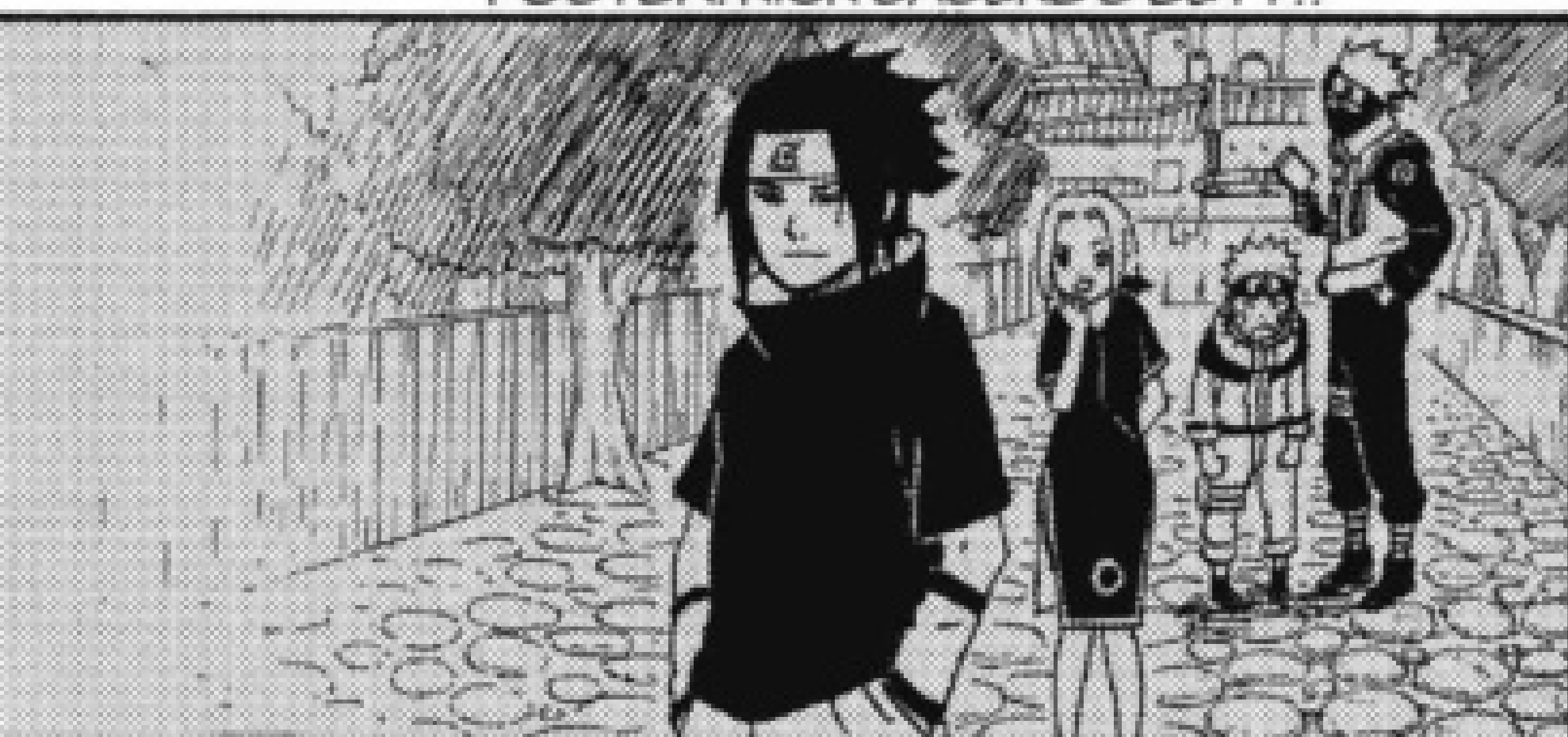


FINALLY
RESOLVED
TO KILL
ME, EH?

...



POSTER: KICK SASUKE'S BUTT!!









...FIGHT
WITH YOU
RIGHT
NOW WILL
BE MY
LAST...

THIS...



SO
JUST...

CURRENTLY
THE MOST
POWERFUL
MOVE IN MY
ARSENAL.

INDRA'S
ARROW...

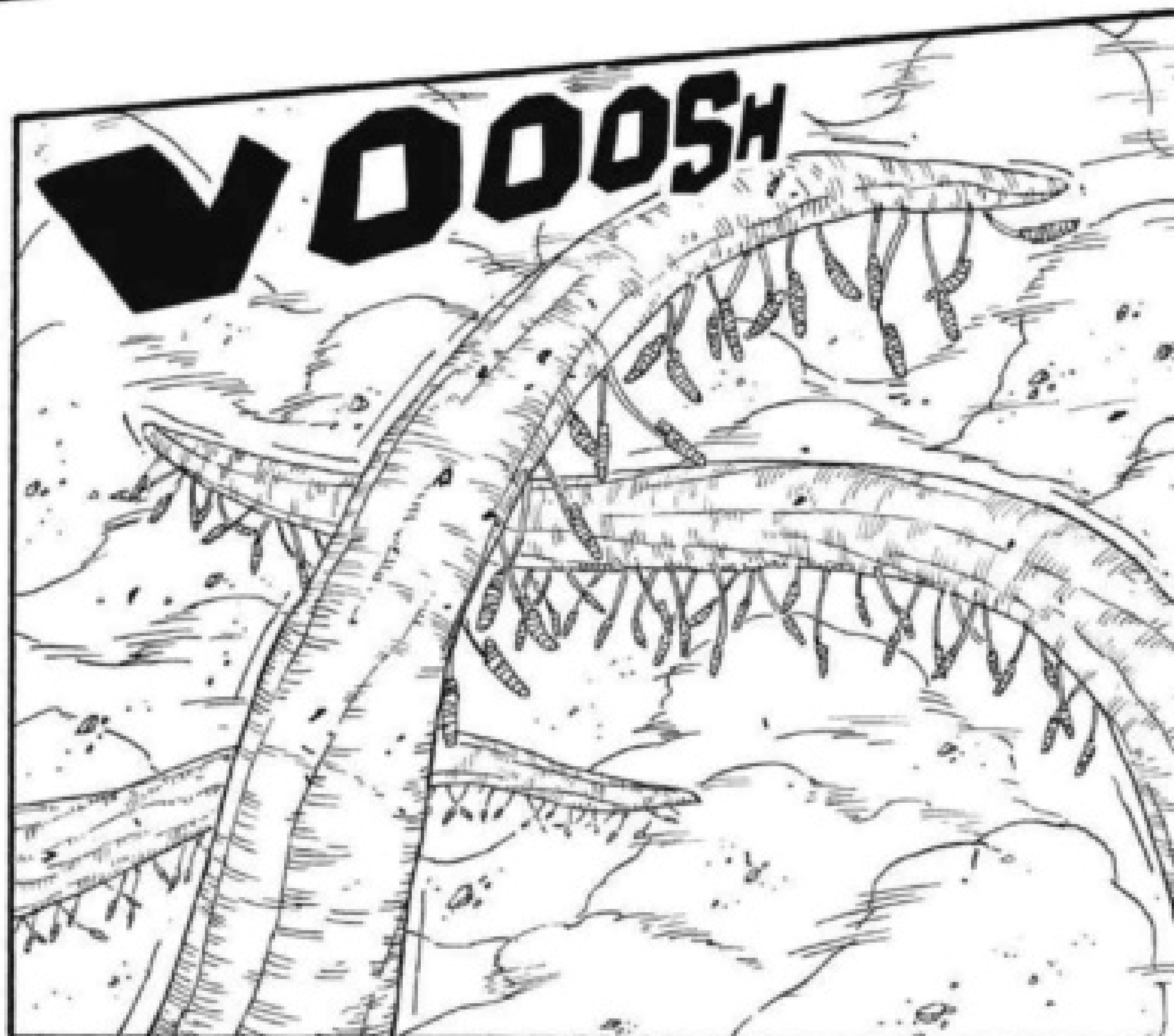


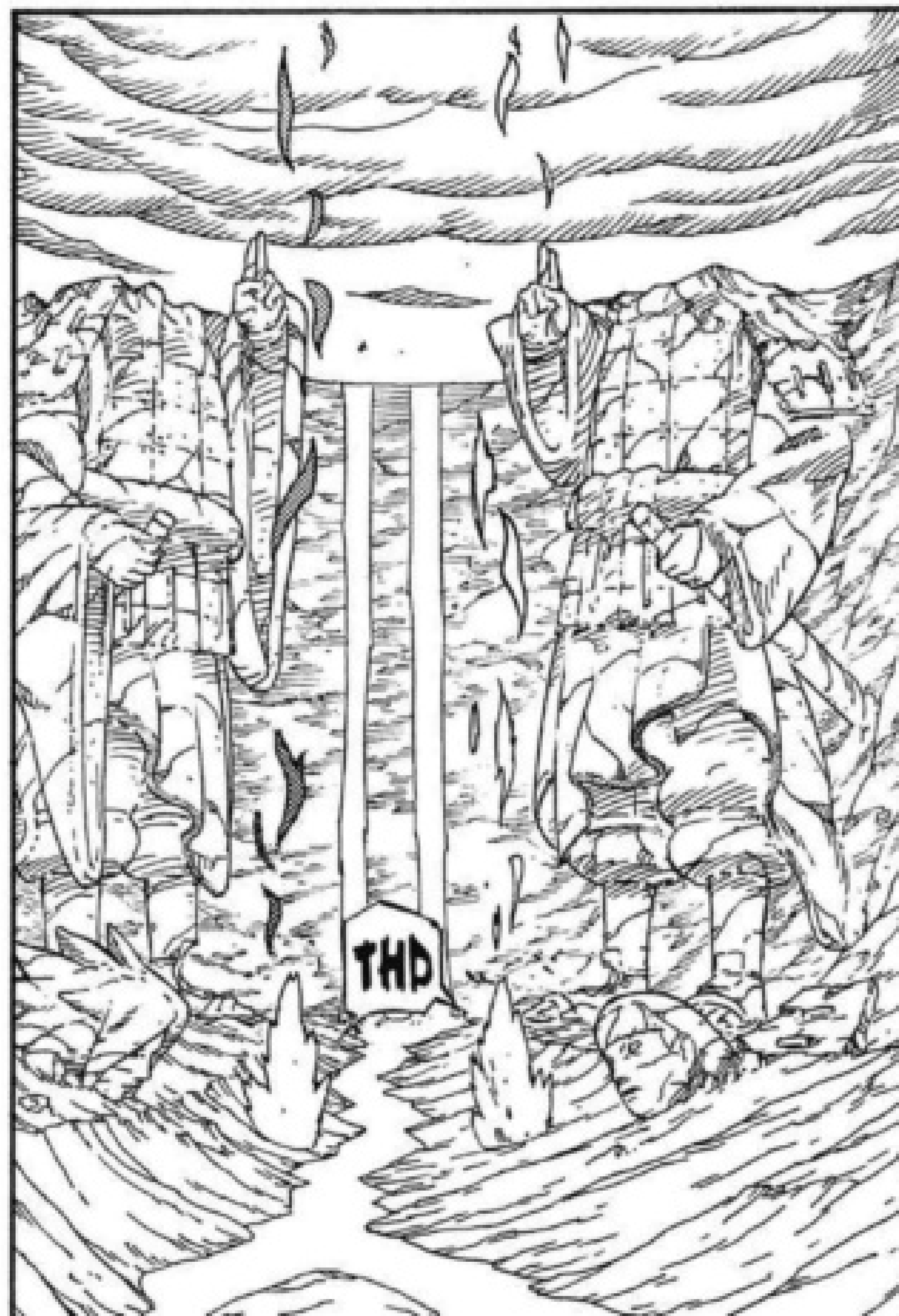
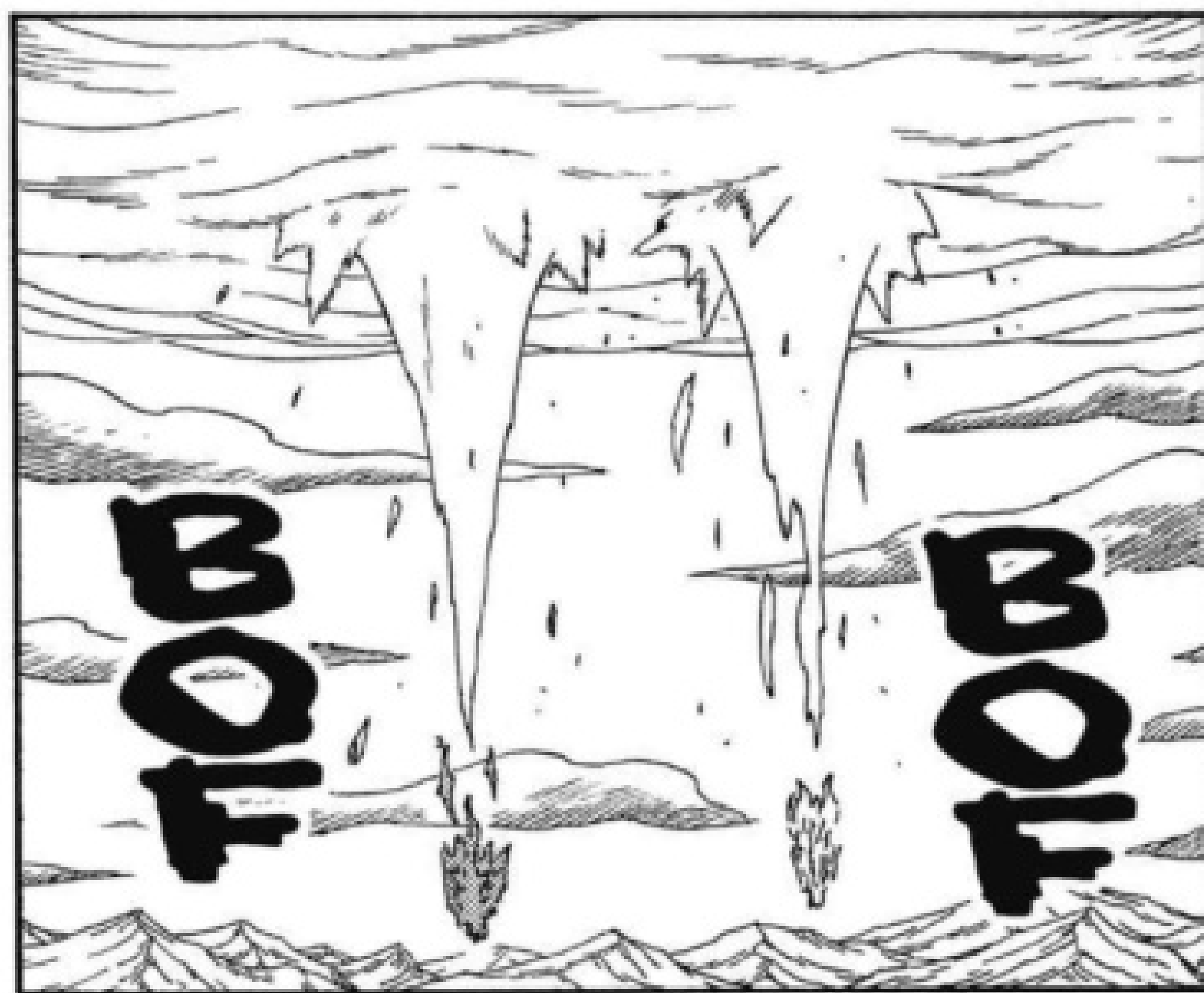
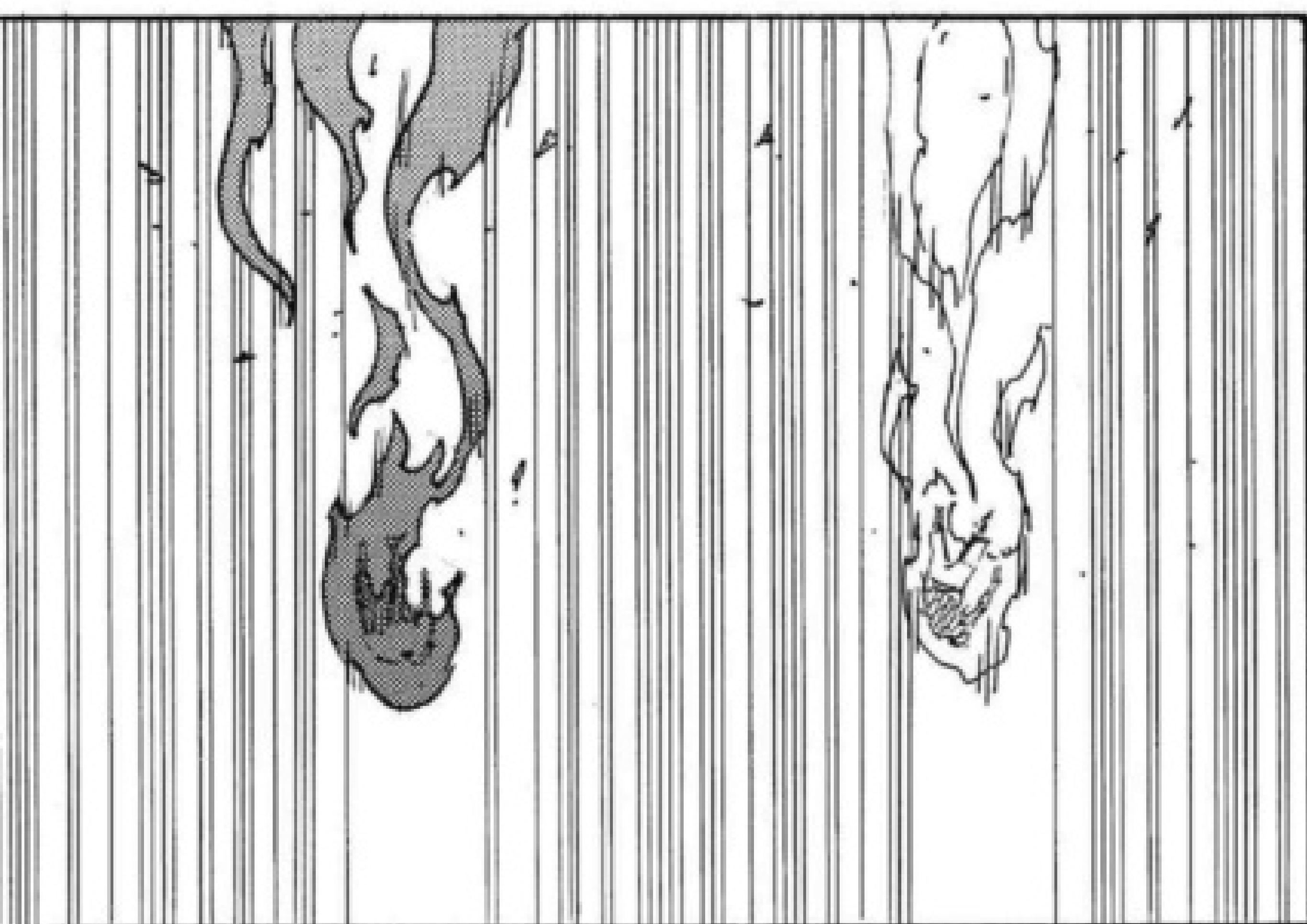
...BE
GONE!

BOOM

JUST BE
GONE
ALREADY!!













ТКТК



!!

GGH!!

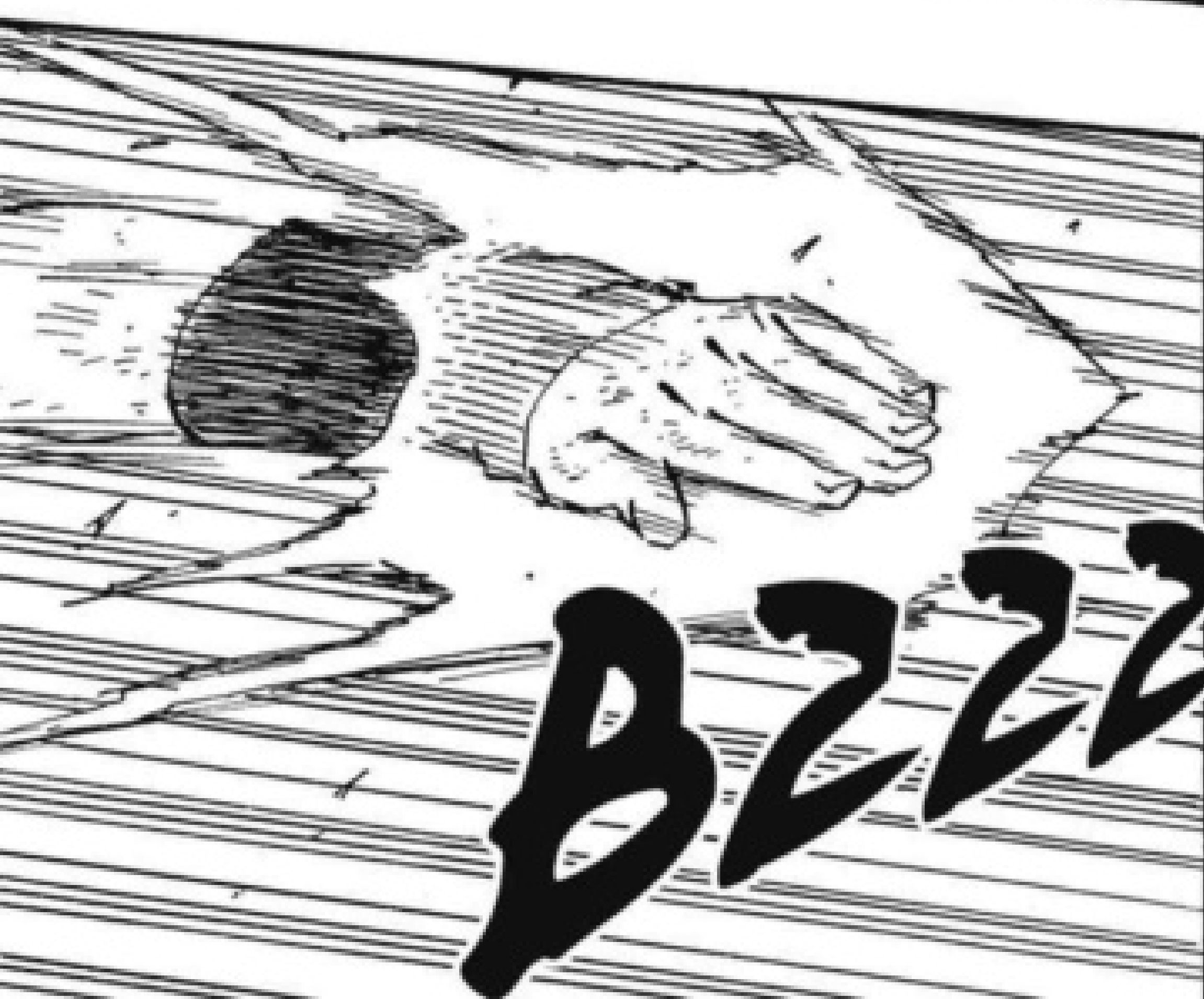
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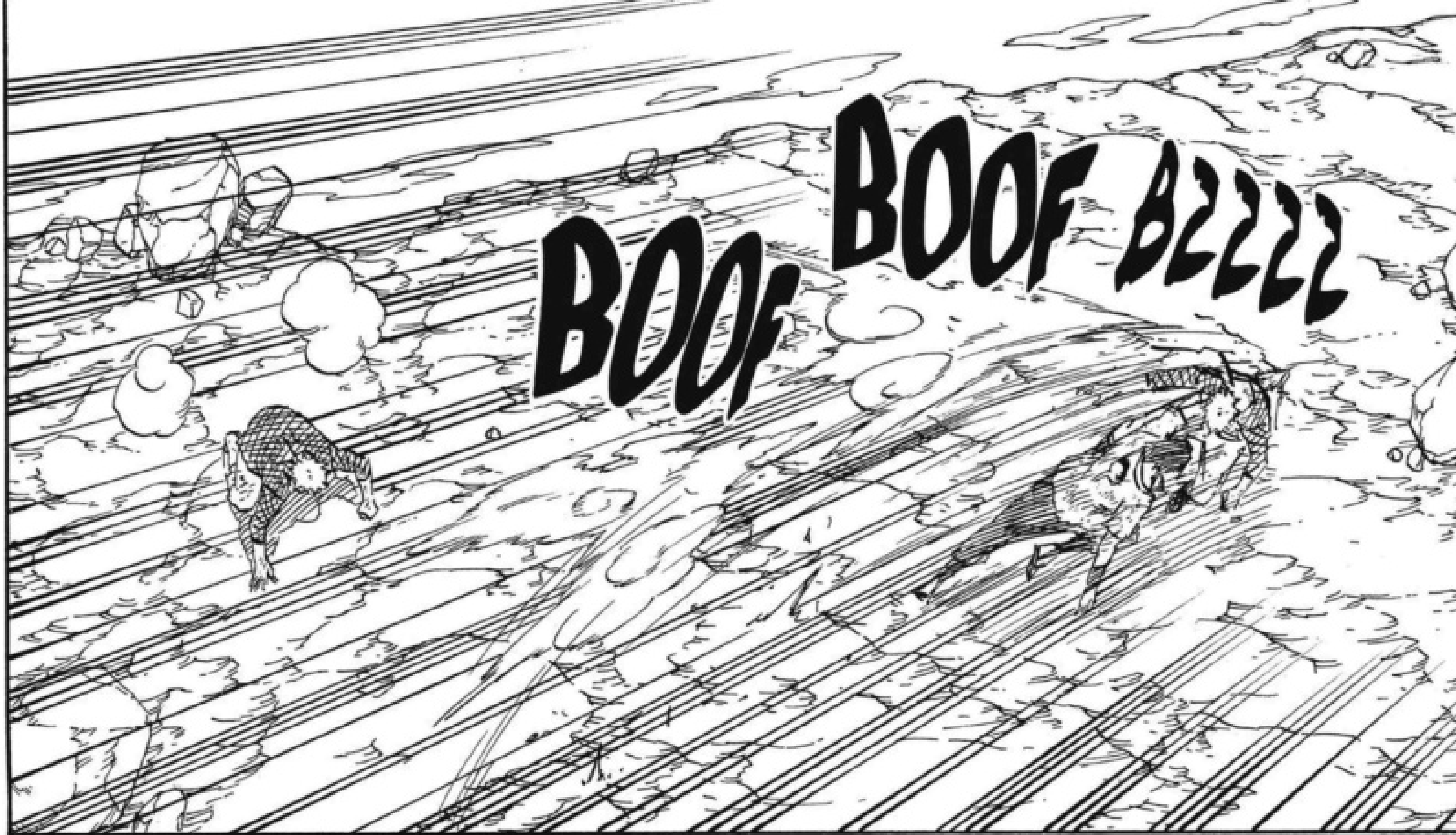


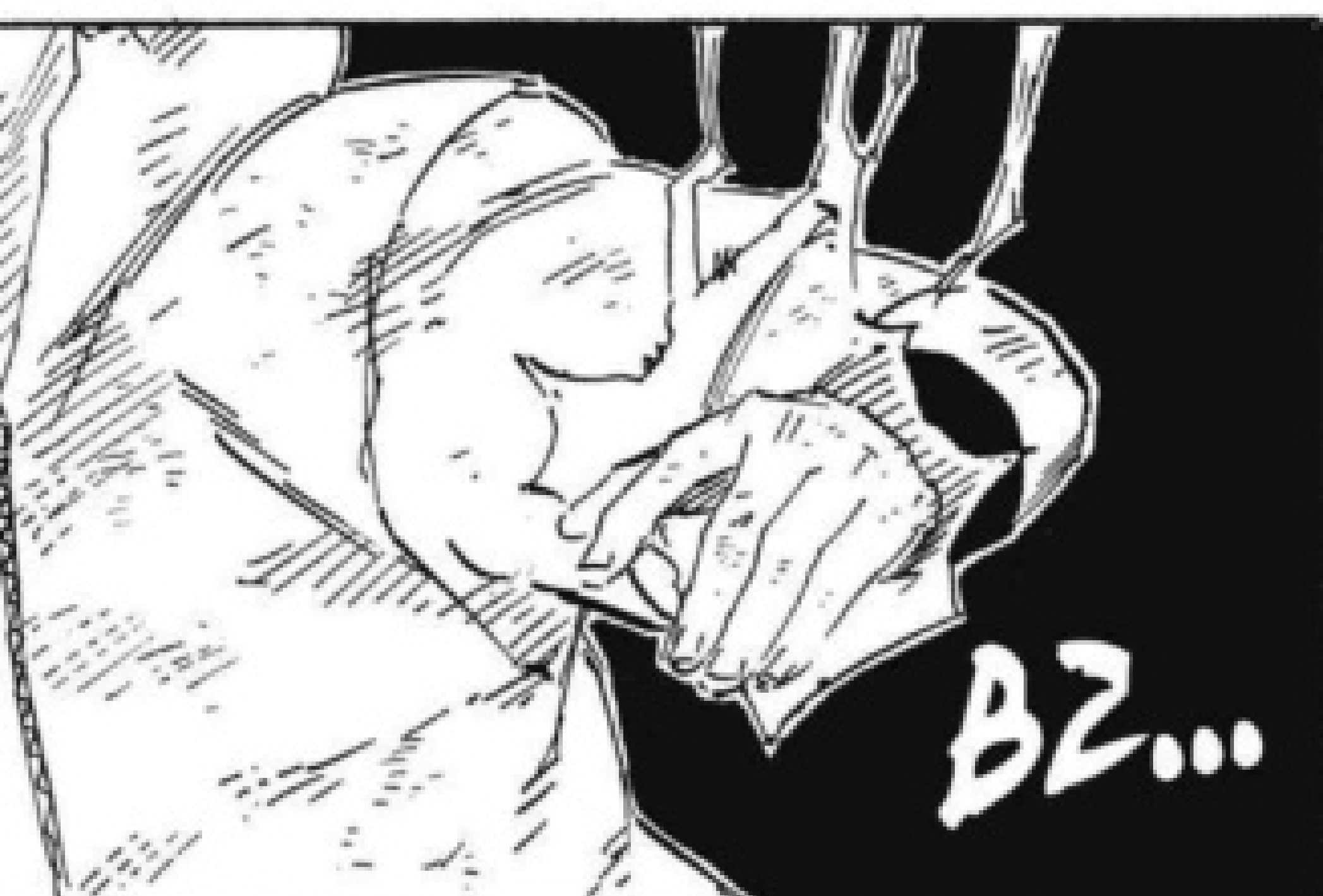
WHAM

THOR

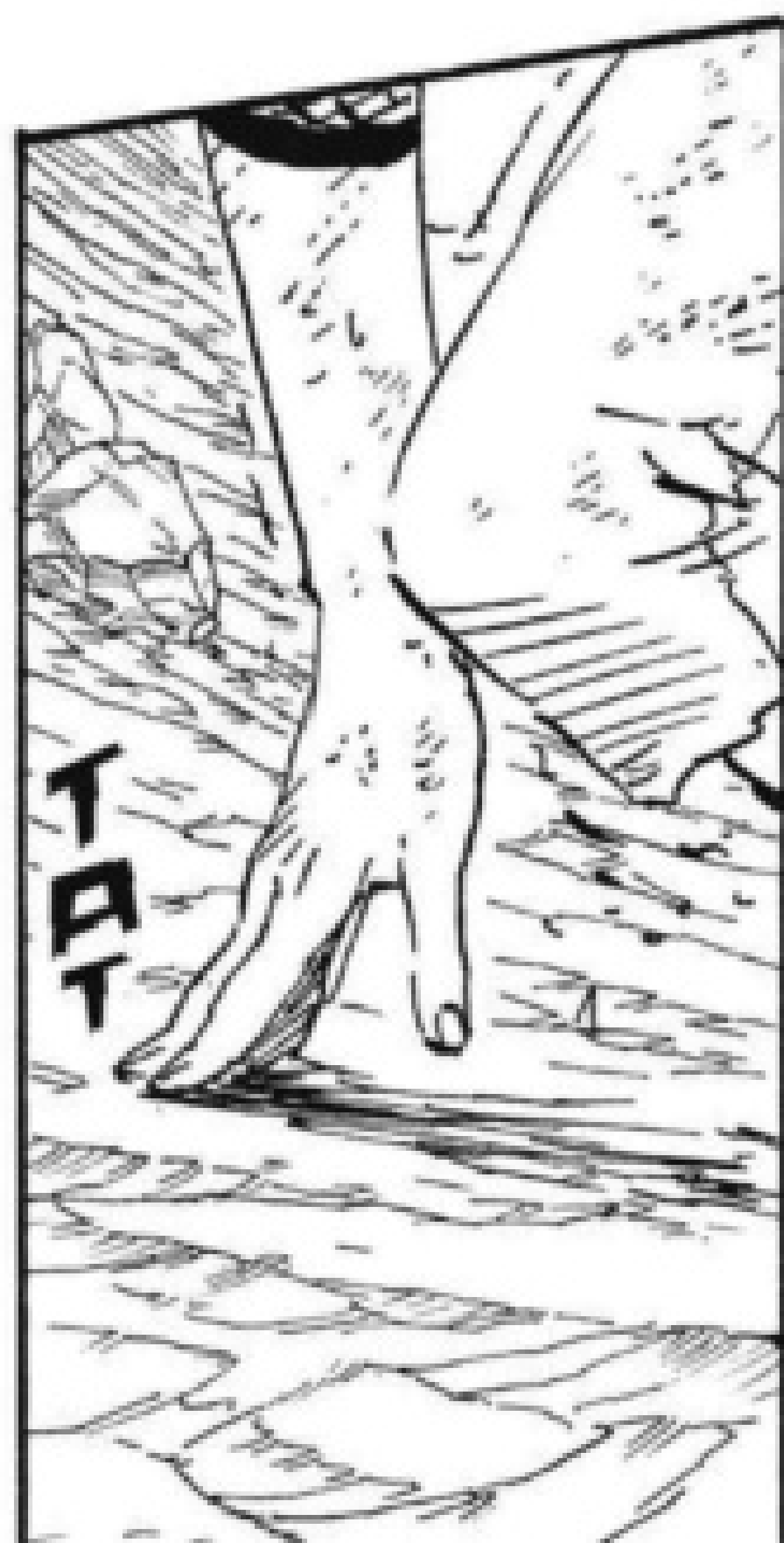


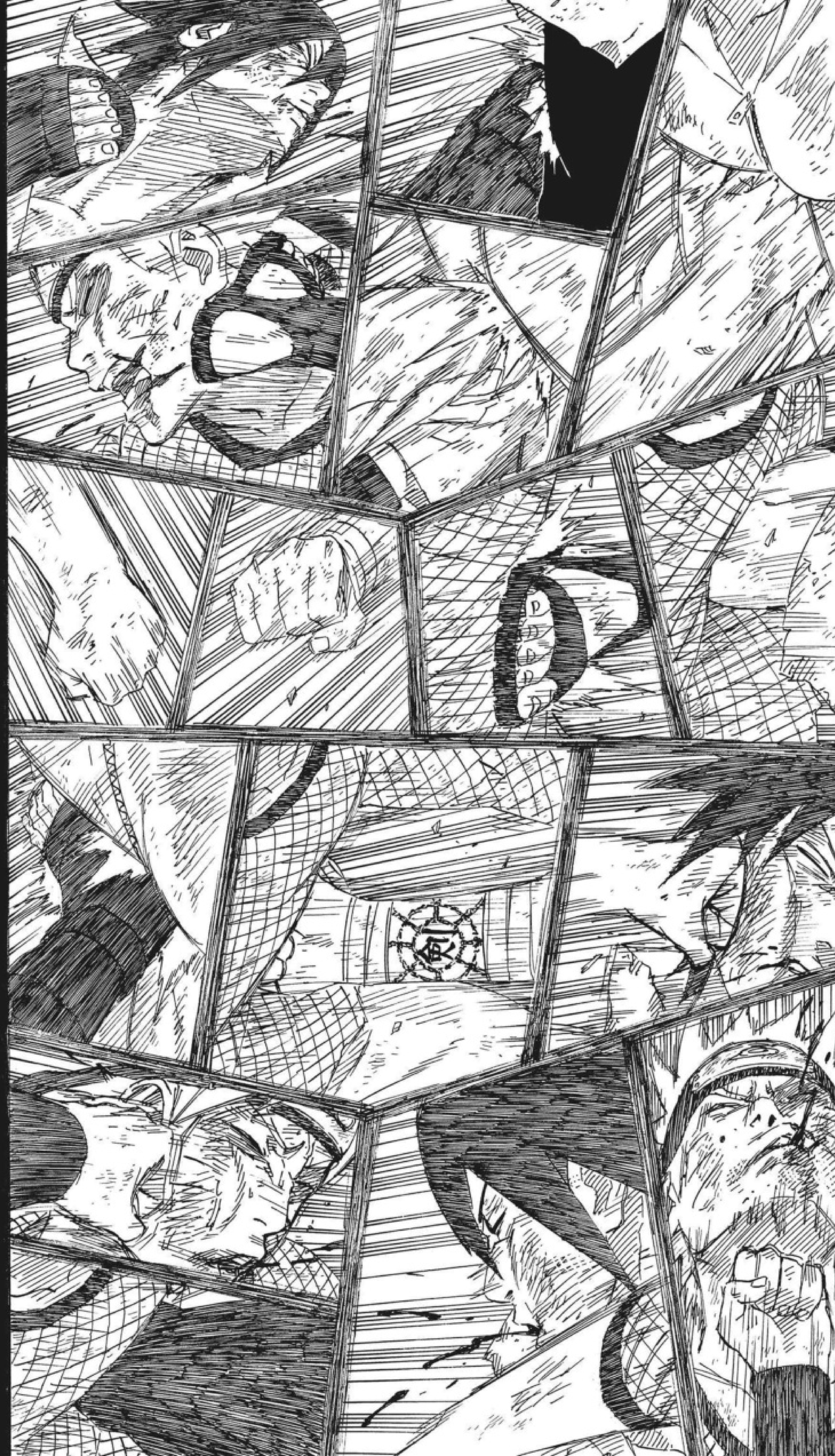
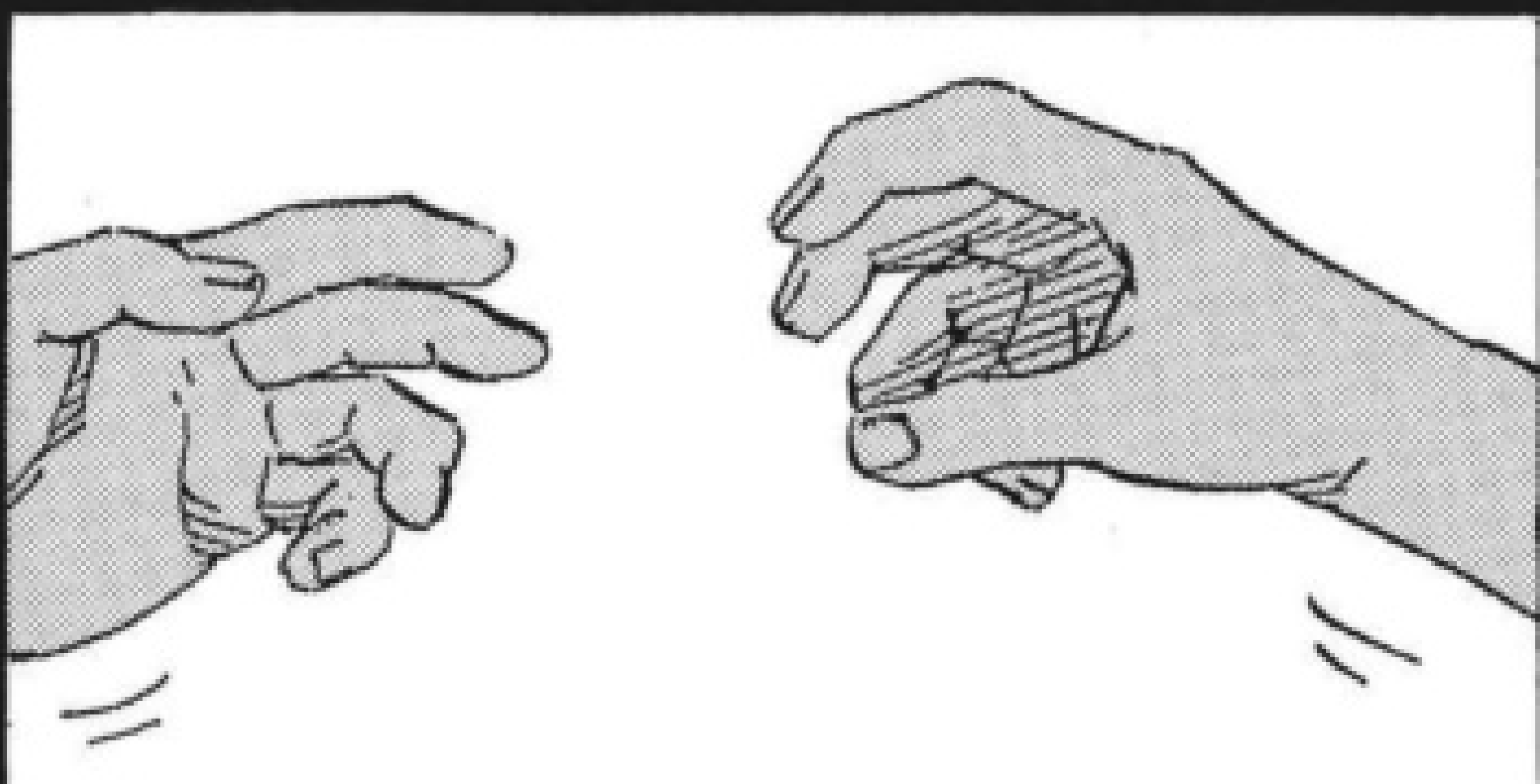
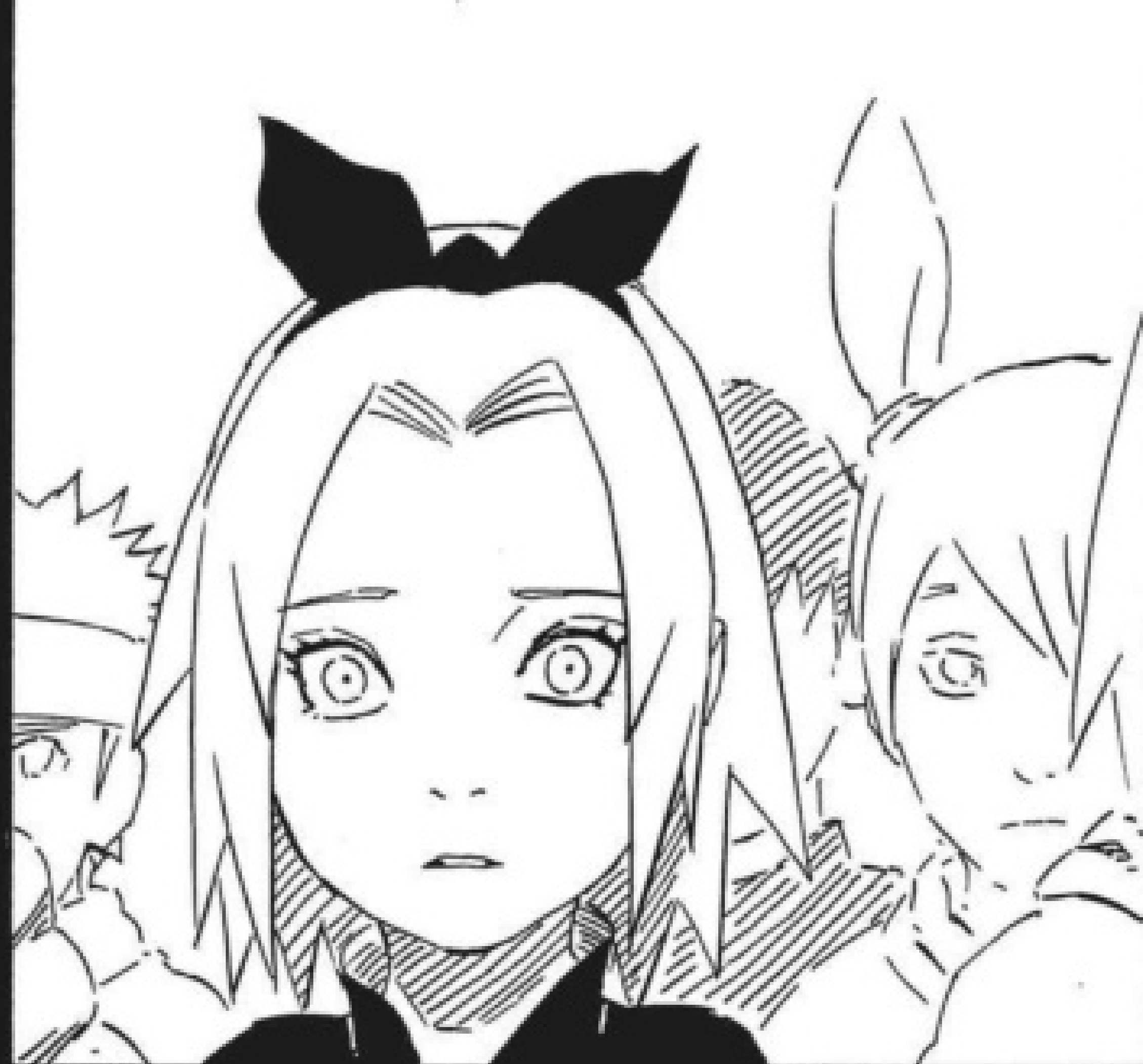




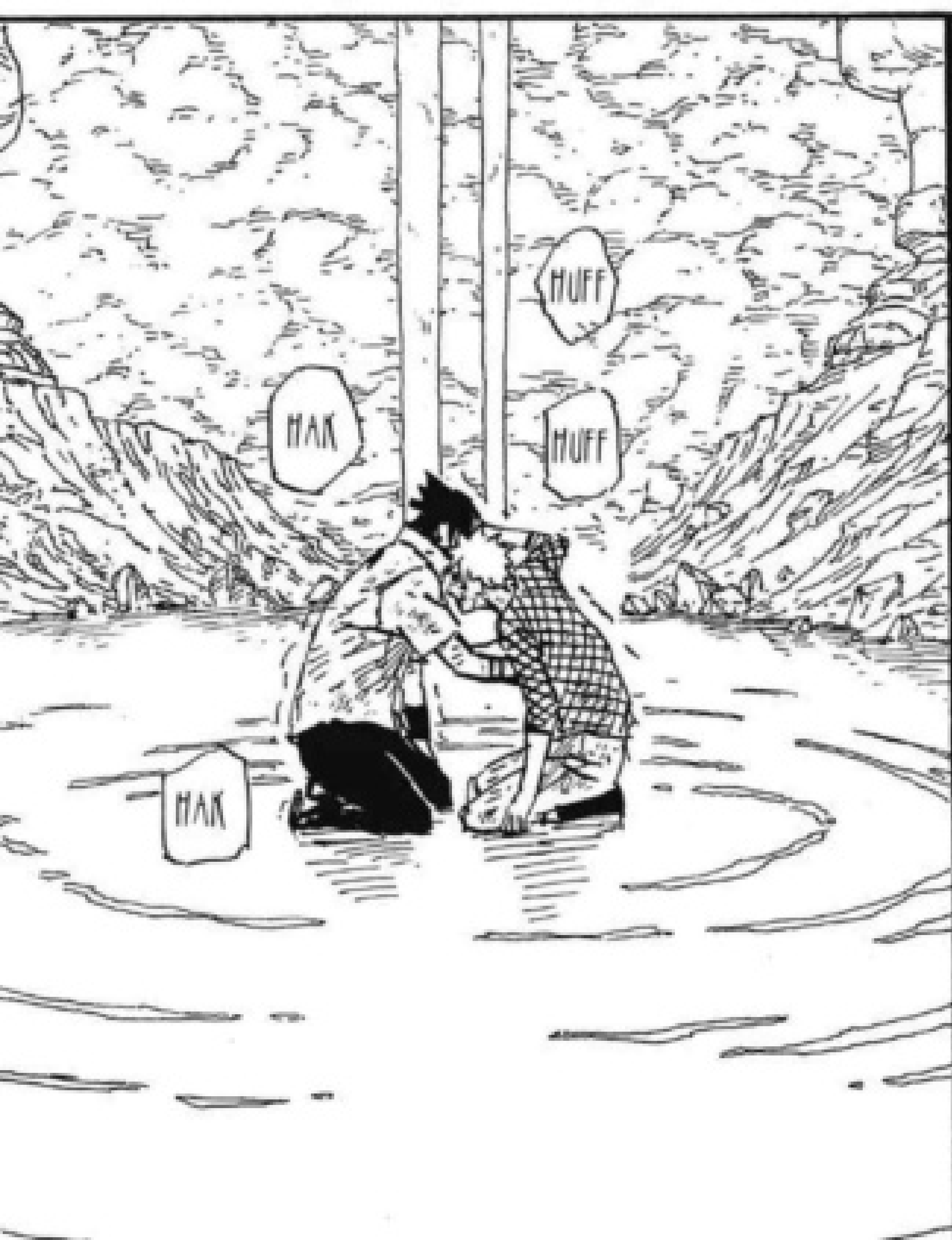
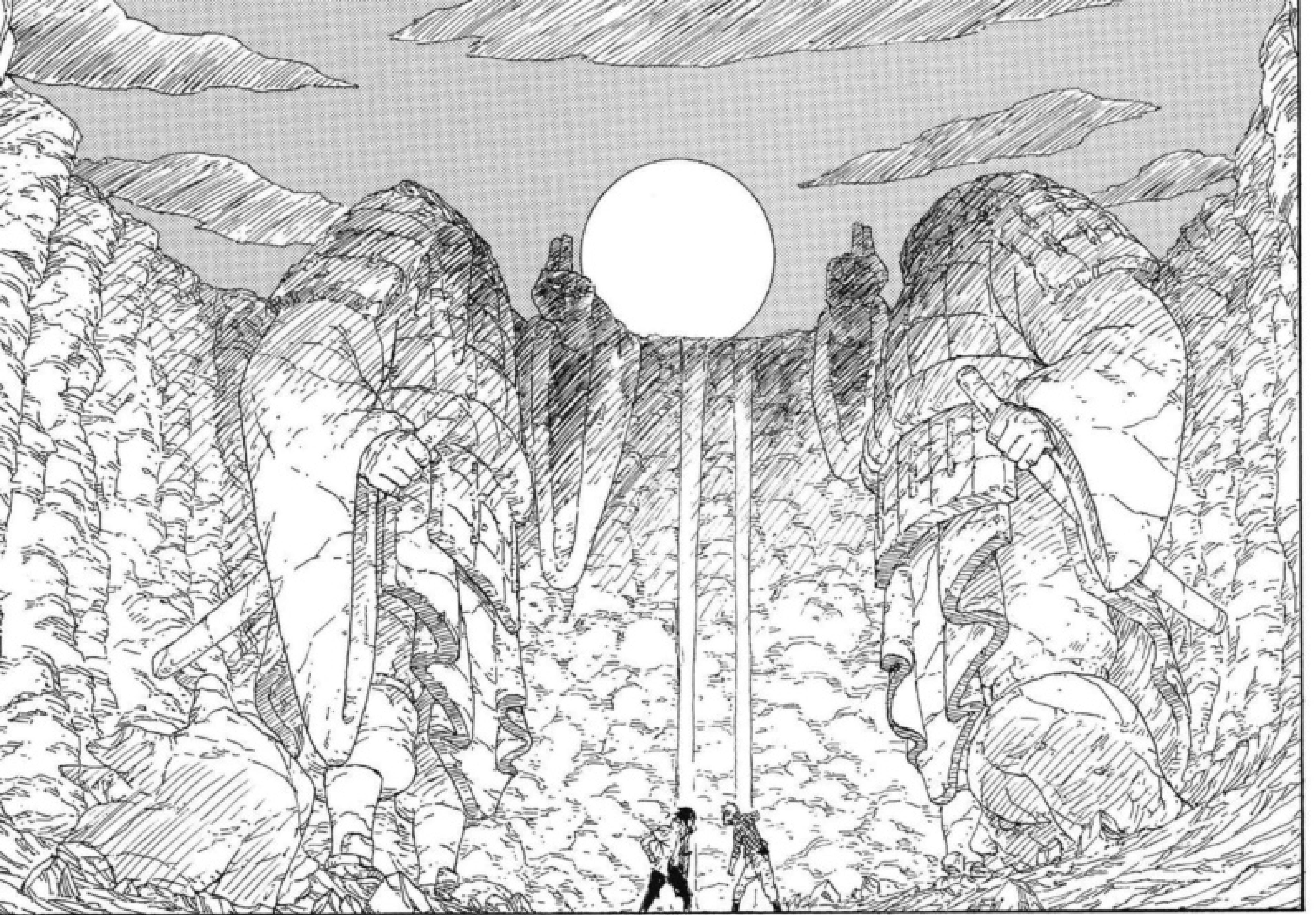




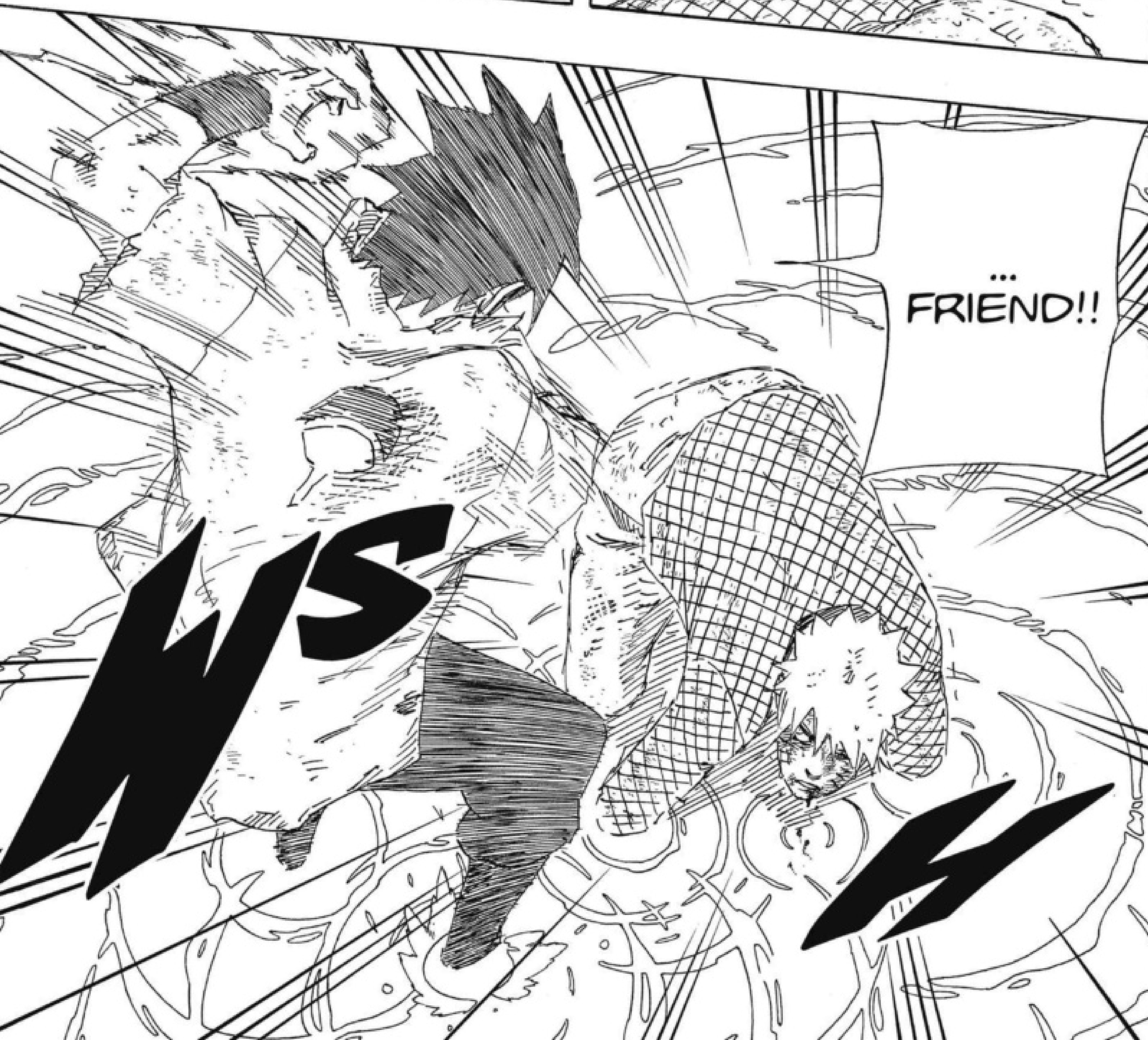
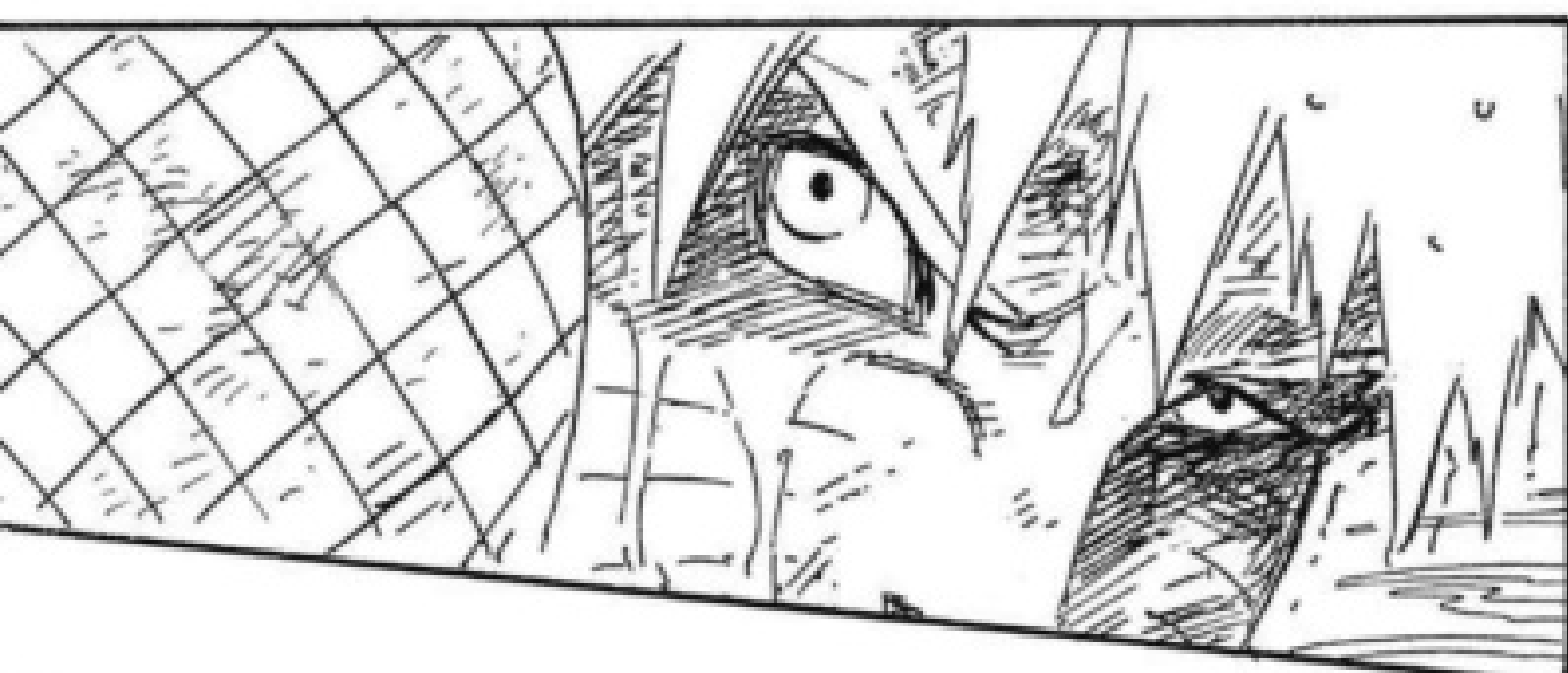












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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK
ON THE SERIES THESE PAST 15 YEARS! -MASAKI MURAKAMI

Bye Bye! NARUTO





Number 698: Naruto and Sasuke, Part 5

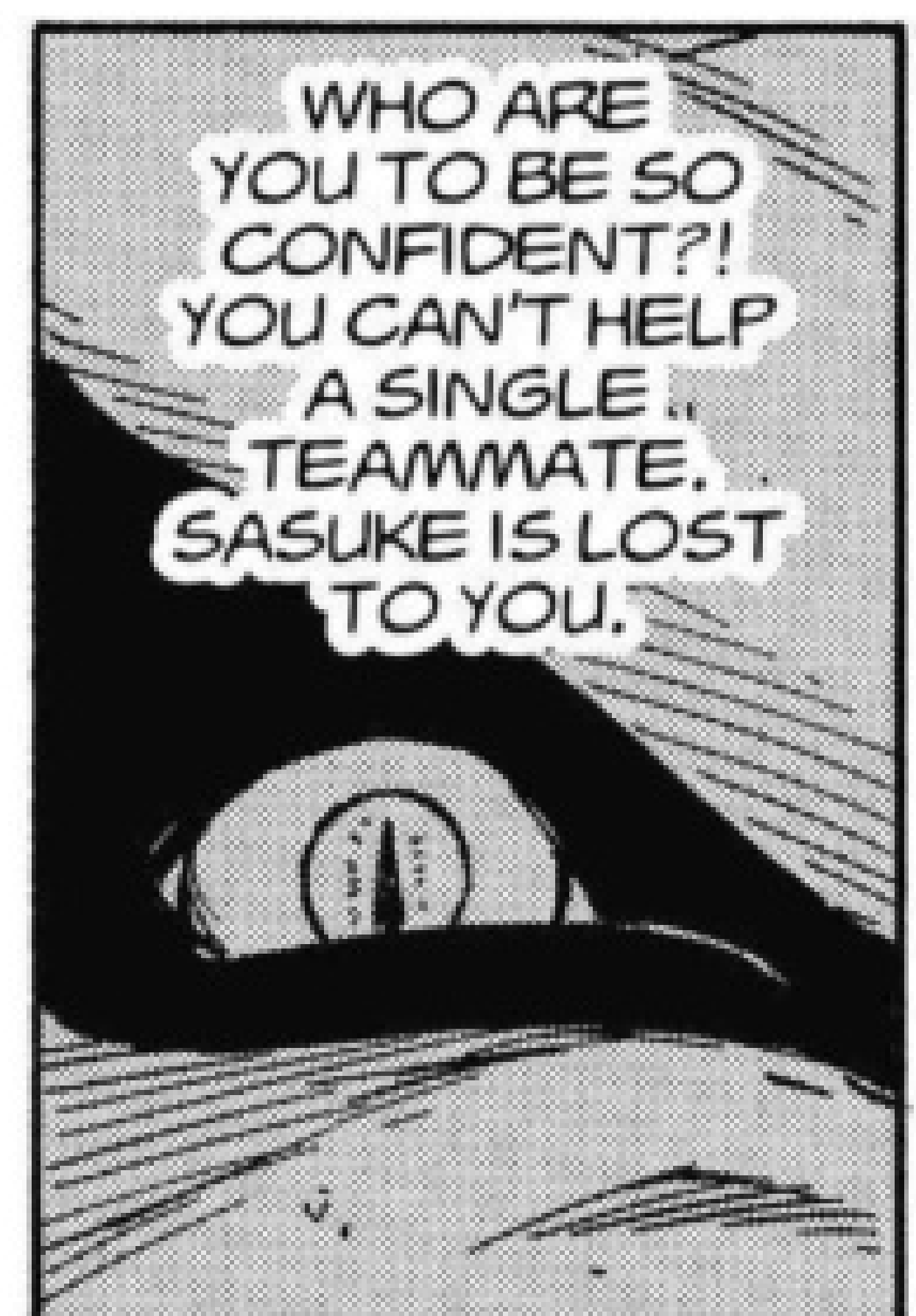


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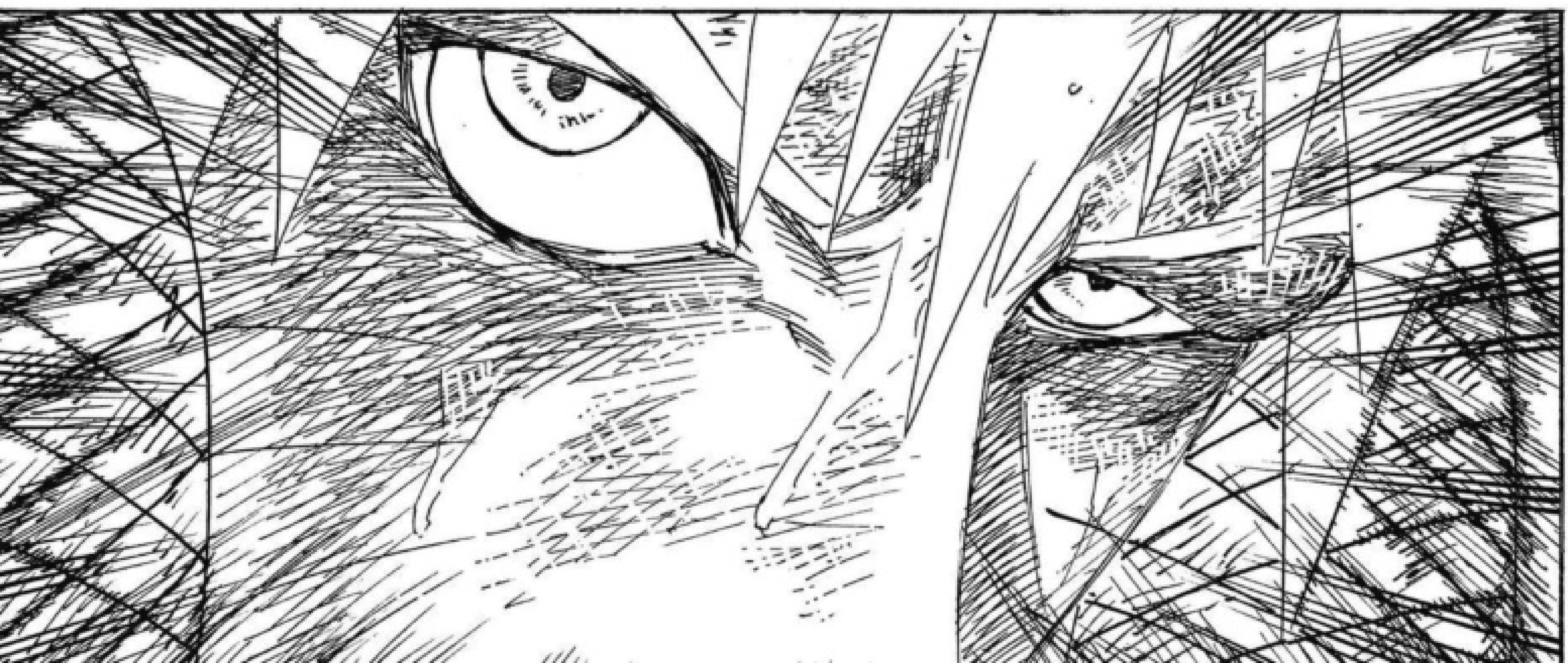


I WILL
SAVE
SASUKE,
AND...

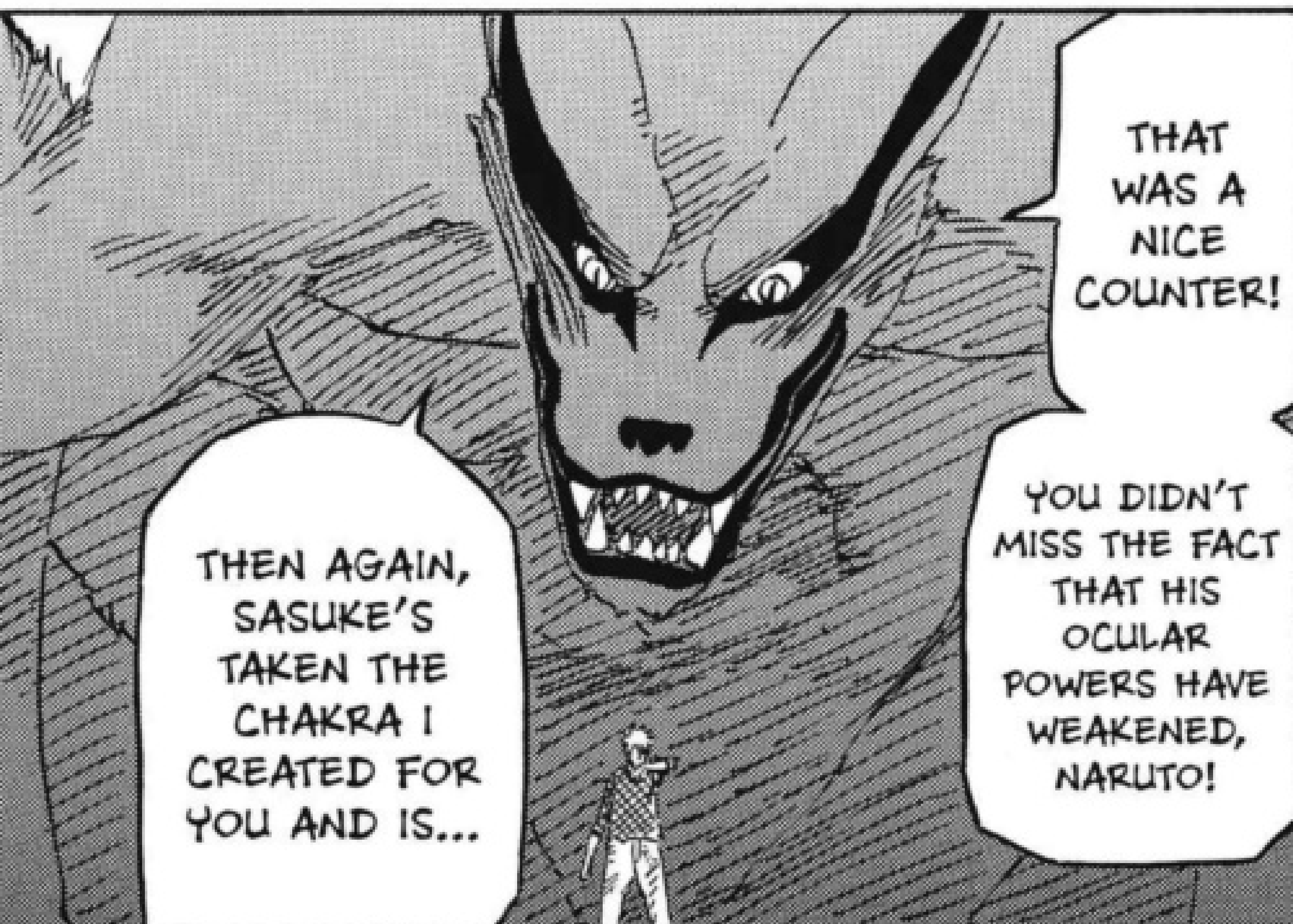
I'VE NEVER
GIVEN UP.
ONCE YOU
GIVE UP, IT'S
OVER!



WHO ARE
YOU TO BE SO
CONFIDENT?!
YOU CAN'T HELP
A SINGLE
TEAMMATE.
SASUKE IS LOST
TO YOU.







THEN AGAIN,
SASUKE'S
TAKEN THE
CHAKRA I
CREATED FOR
YOU AND IS...

THAT
WAS A
NICE
COUNTER!

YOU DIDN'T
MISS THE FACT
THAT HIS
OCULAR
POWERS HAVE
WEAKENED,
NARUTO!



UGH
...



HE TOOK
PRETTY
MUCH ALL
THE CHAKRA
I GAVE YOU.

I'M GOING TO
HAND OVER
WHAT REMAINS
OF MY OWN
CHAKRA.



HE'S
PLANNING
TO USE
EVERYTHING
HE HAS TO
SETTLE
THINGS WITH
THIS ONE
LAST BLAST.

HE'S USING
KAGUZUCHI...



...MAKING
IT HIS
OWN...

SWOO...



...TO ABSORB
CHAKRA
WHILE
PUTTING OUT
HIS OWN
JUTSU.

WELL, NOT
THAT HE CAN
USE HIS
NEWLY
AWAKENED
RINNEGAN...

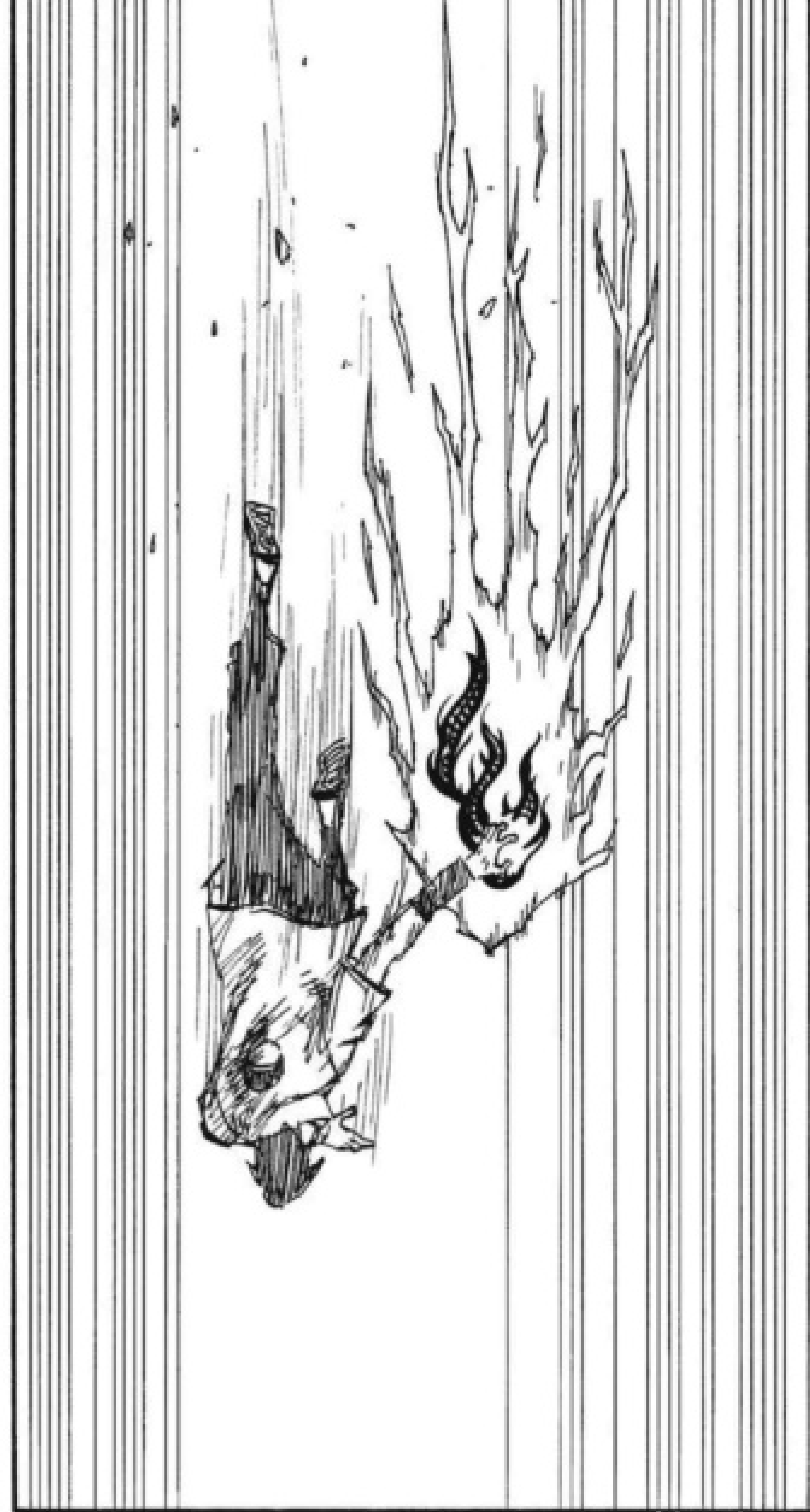


DON'T
UNLEASH YOUR
JUTSU UNTIL
THE LAST
MINUTE, SO
HE DOESN'T
ABSORB MORE
CHAKRA FROM
YOU.

BUT THAT'S
THEN GOING
TO PUT ME TO
SLEEP.



I'M
COMING
AFTER ALL
THAT HATE
INSIDE YOU
TOO
SOMEDAY!



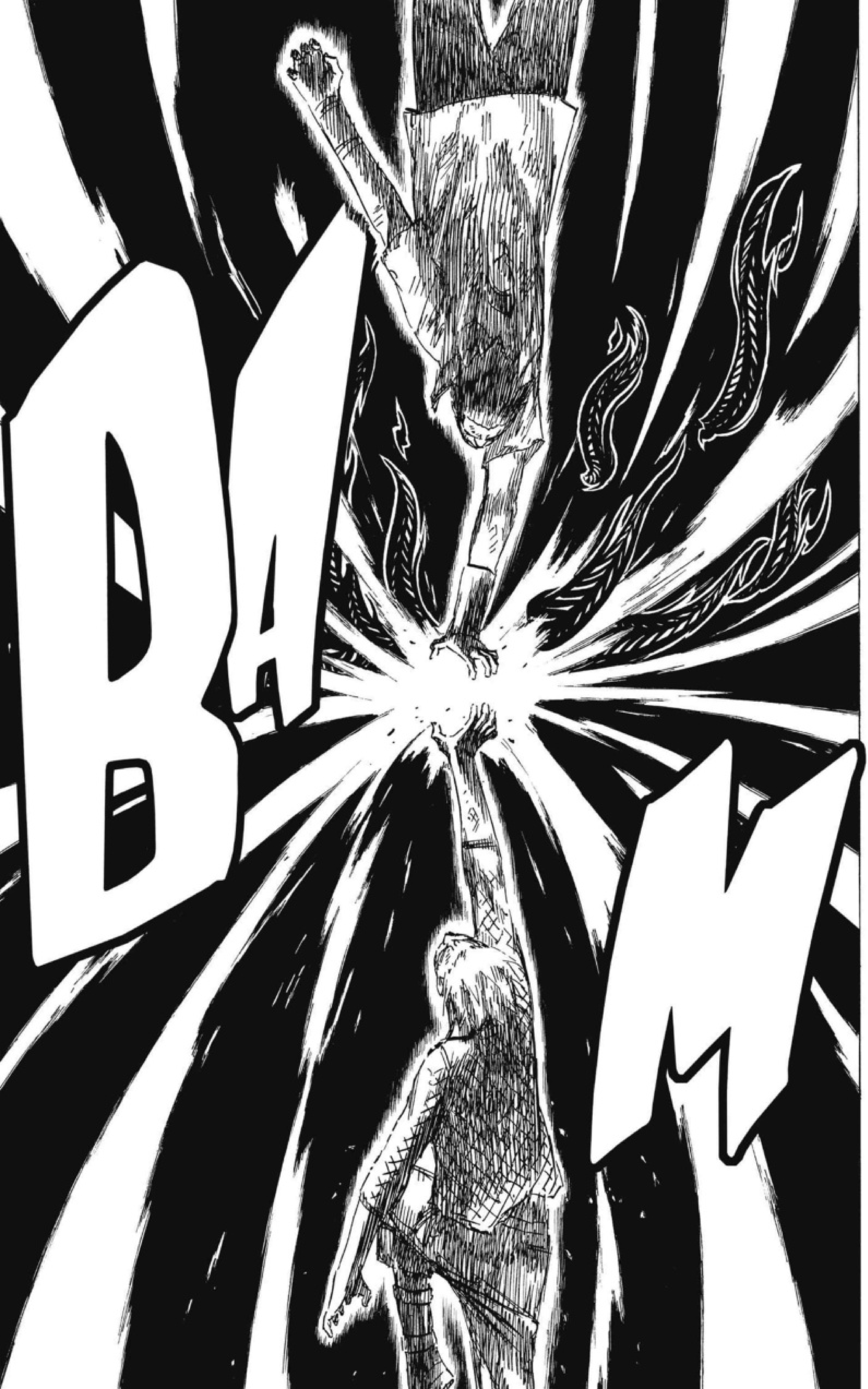
YOU'RE THE
ONE AND
ONLY
FOR
US TOO.

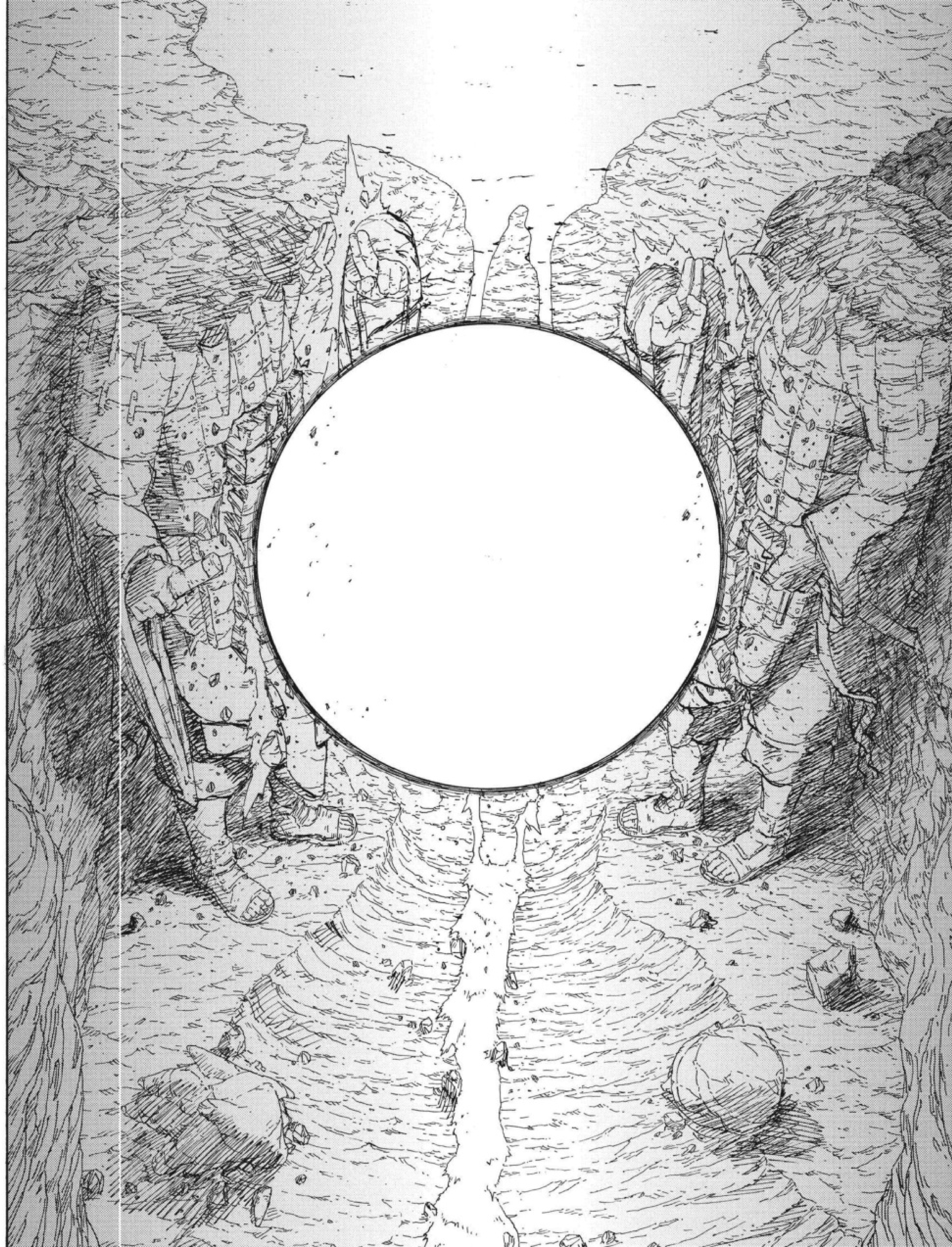
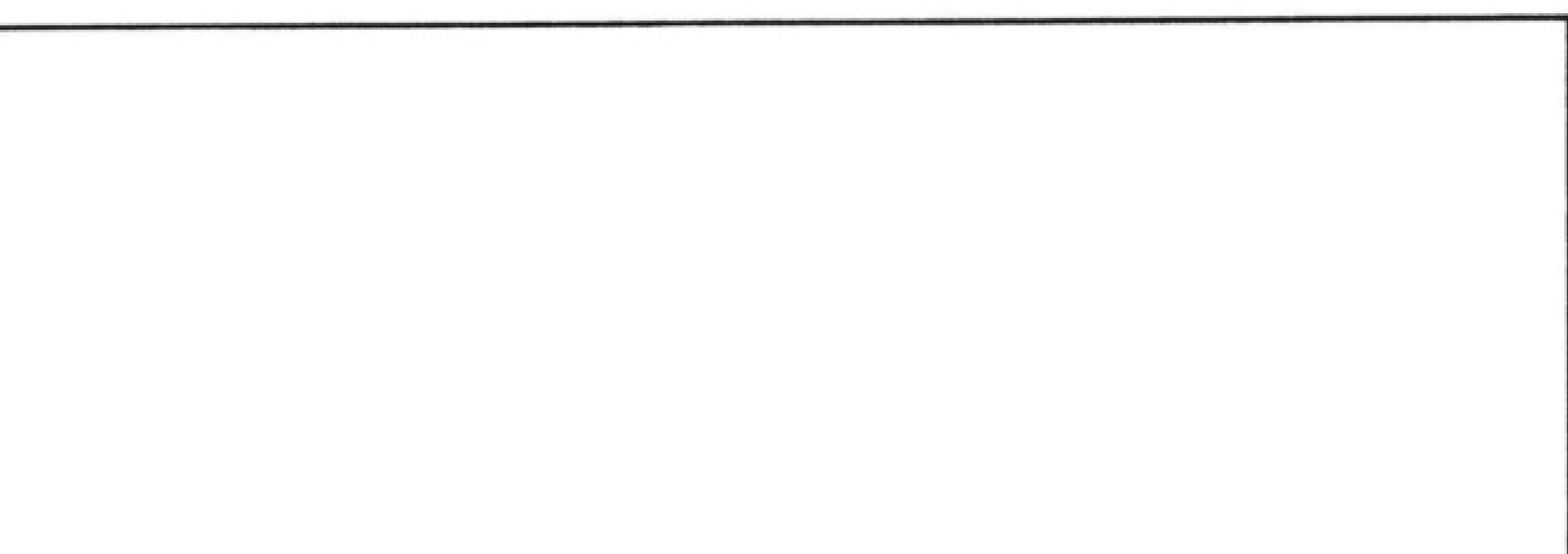
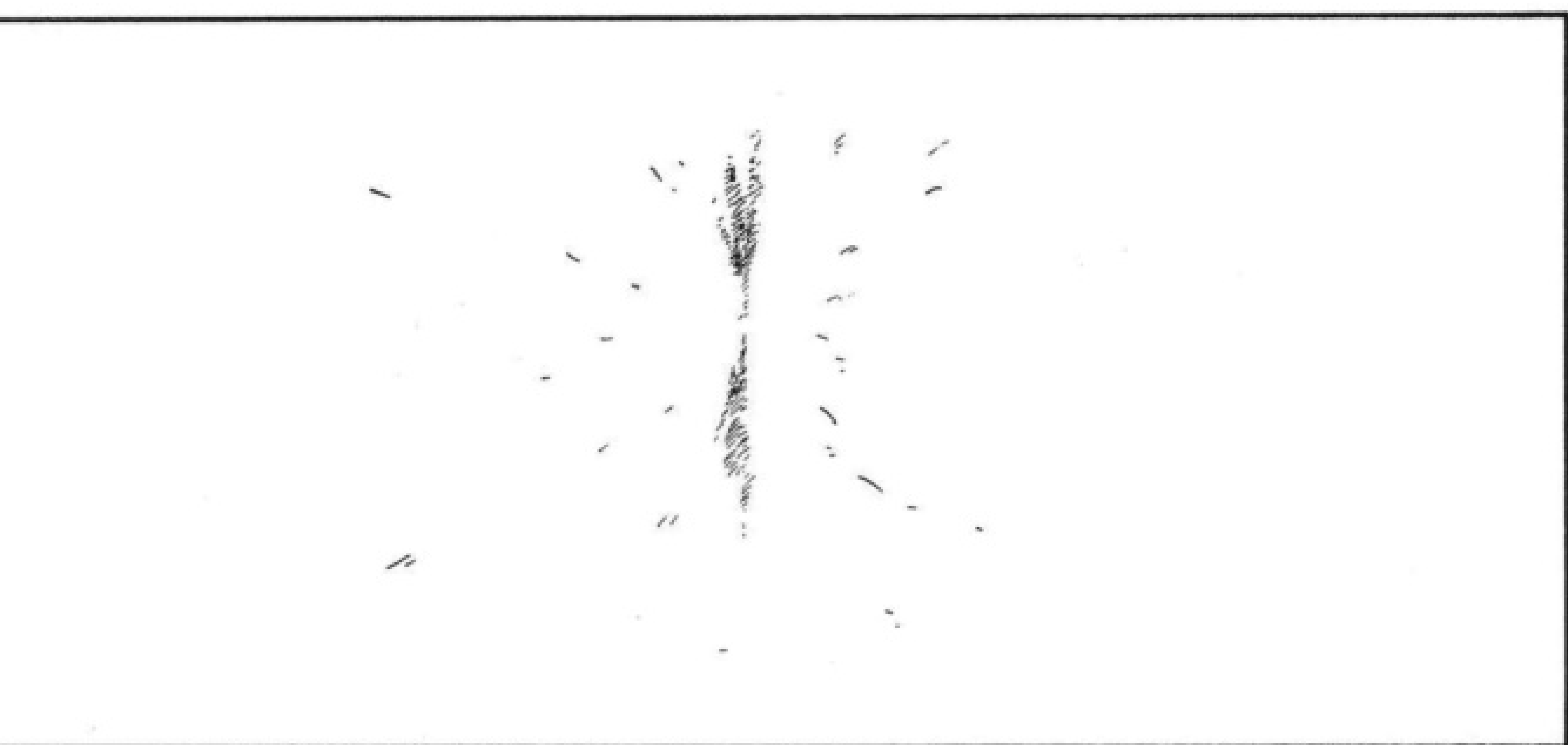
THAT'S WHY
SASUKE'S...

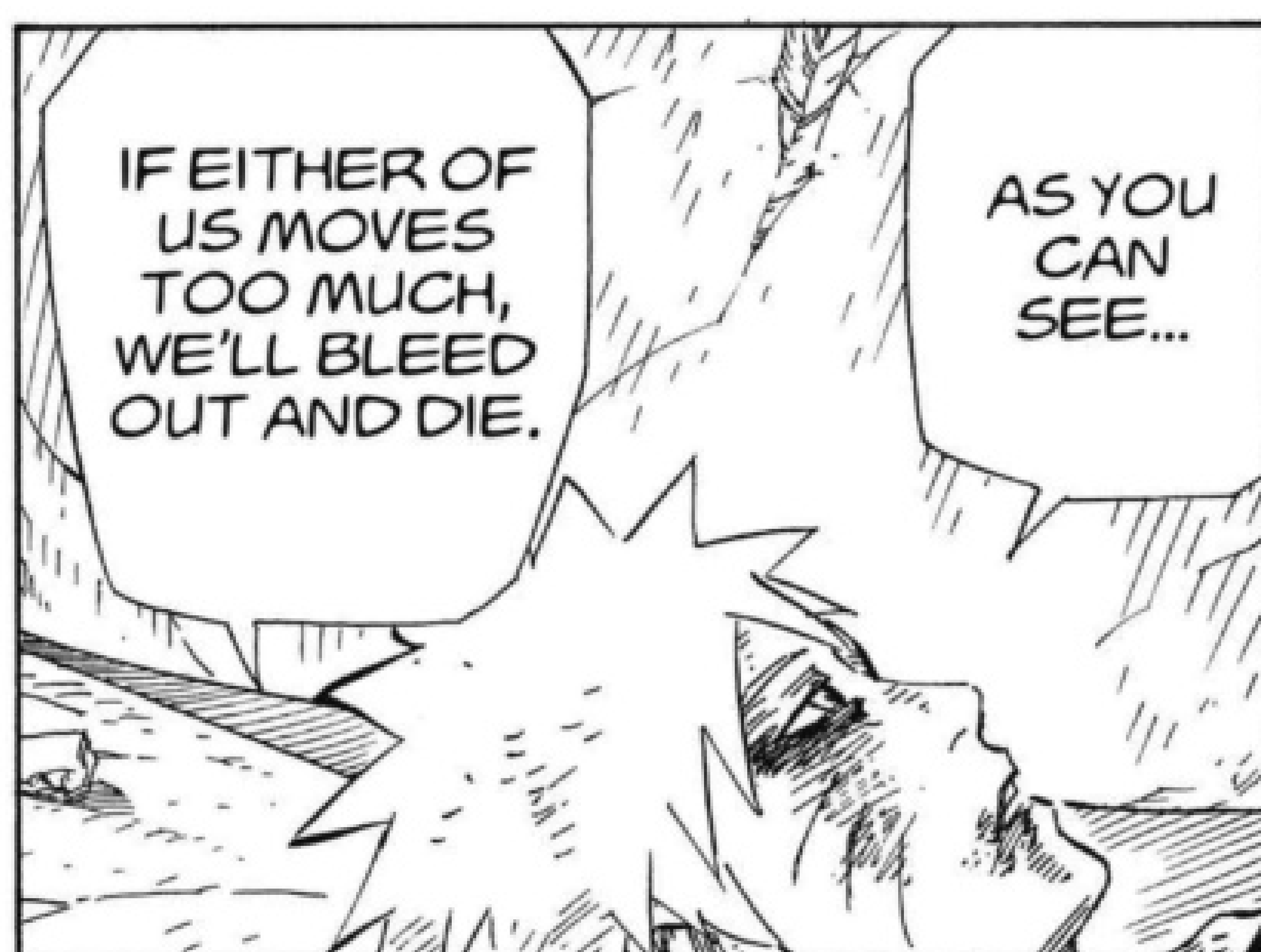


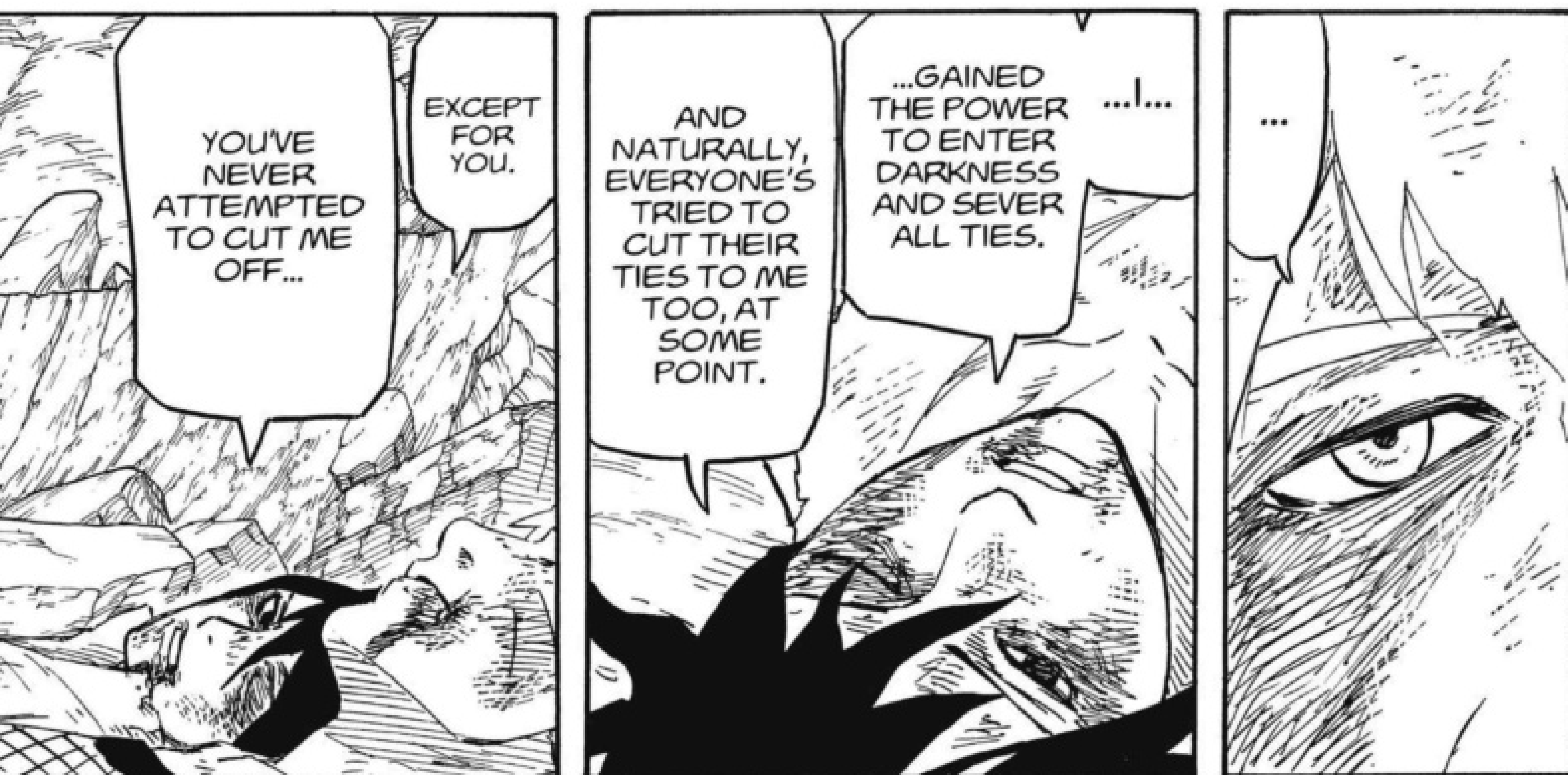
NOW...

...GO!

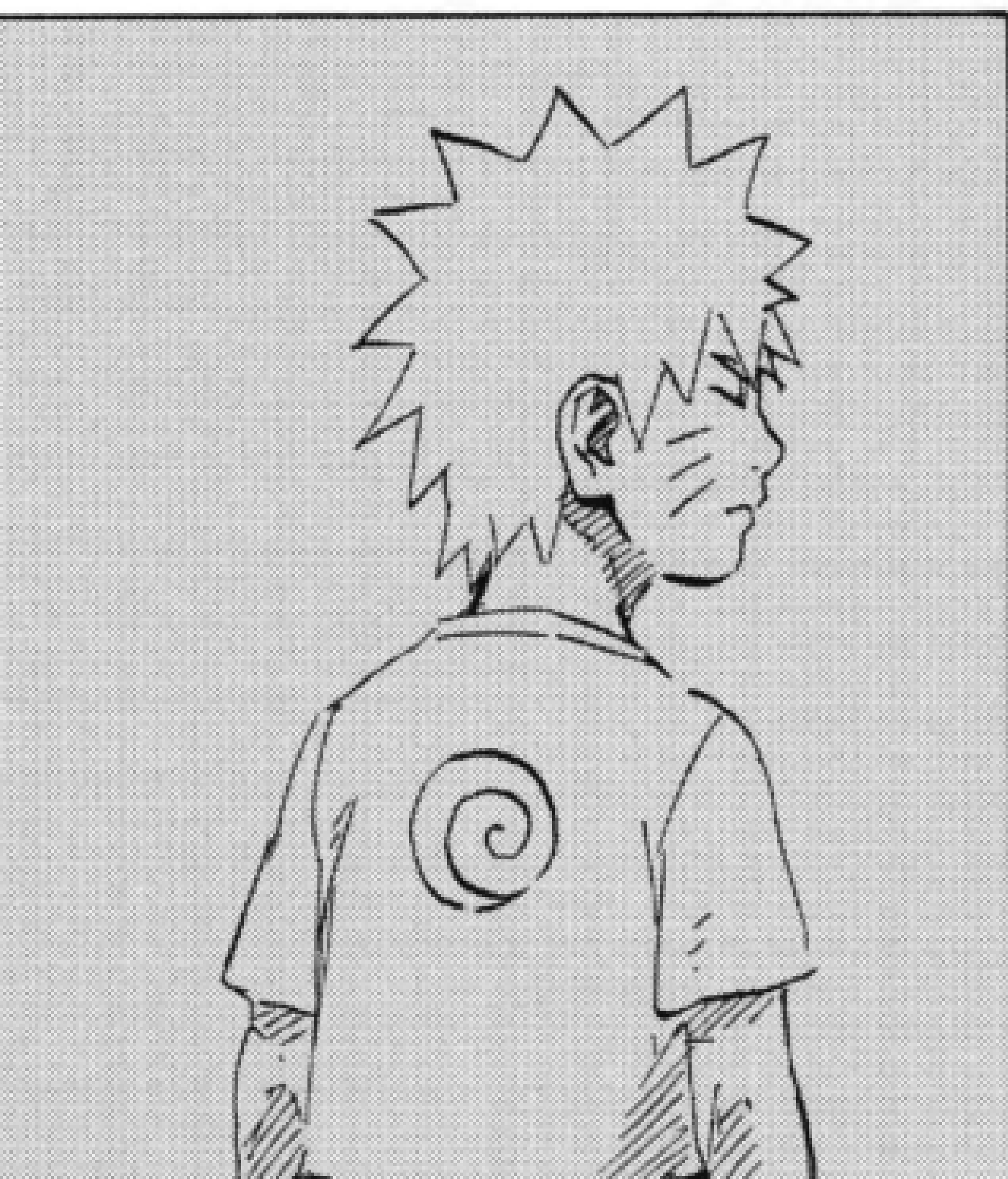








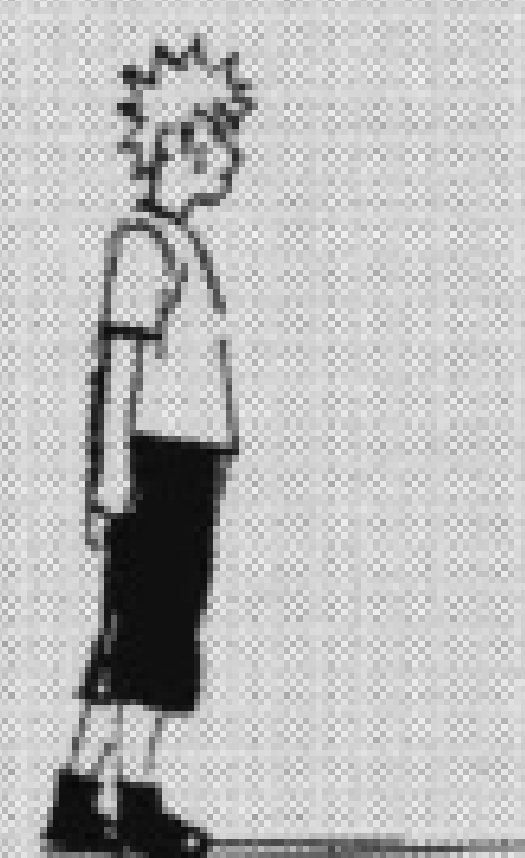




NARUTO...

THE VILLAGE
SHUNNED YOU,
JUST LIKE THEY
DID ME, THE
LONE UCHIHA
SURVIVOR.

I KNEW YOU
WERE
ALWAYS ALL
ALONE,
LONG AGO.

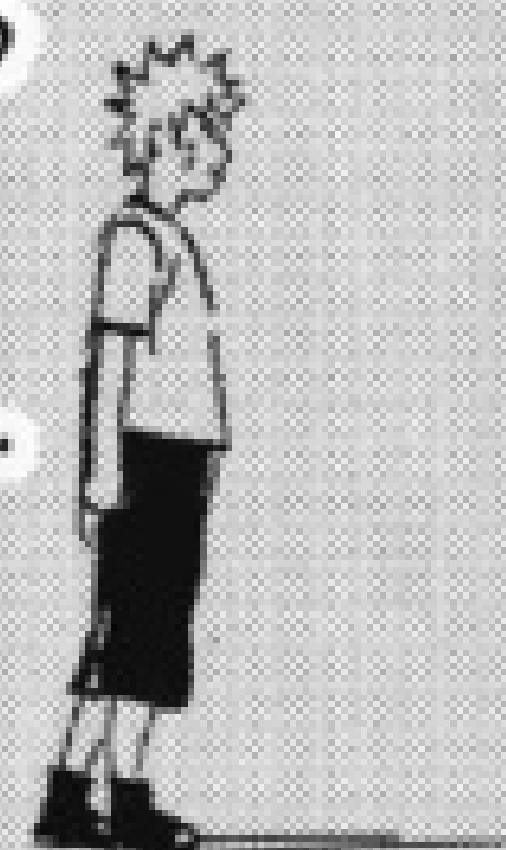
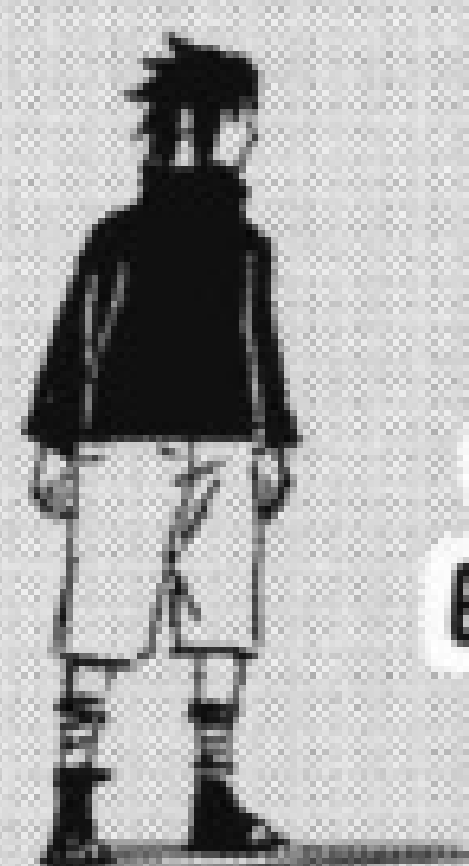


A
WEAKLING
ETERNALLY
BEGGING
FOR
ATTENTION.

IN THE
BEGINNING,
I THOUGHT
OF YOU AS
A GOOD-
FOR-
NOTHING
LOSER.

...AND GET
PEOPLE'S
ATTENTION.

YOU
INTENTIONALLY
DID STUPID
THINGS
TO GET
SCOLDED...



...IT STARTED
WEIGHING ON
MY MIND.



...THE MORE I
WATCHED YOU
BEING IDIOTIC
AND GETTING
YELLED AT,
OVER AND
OVER...



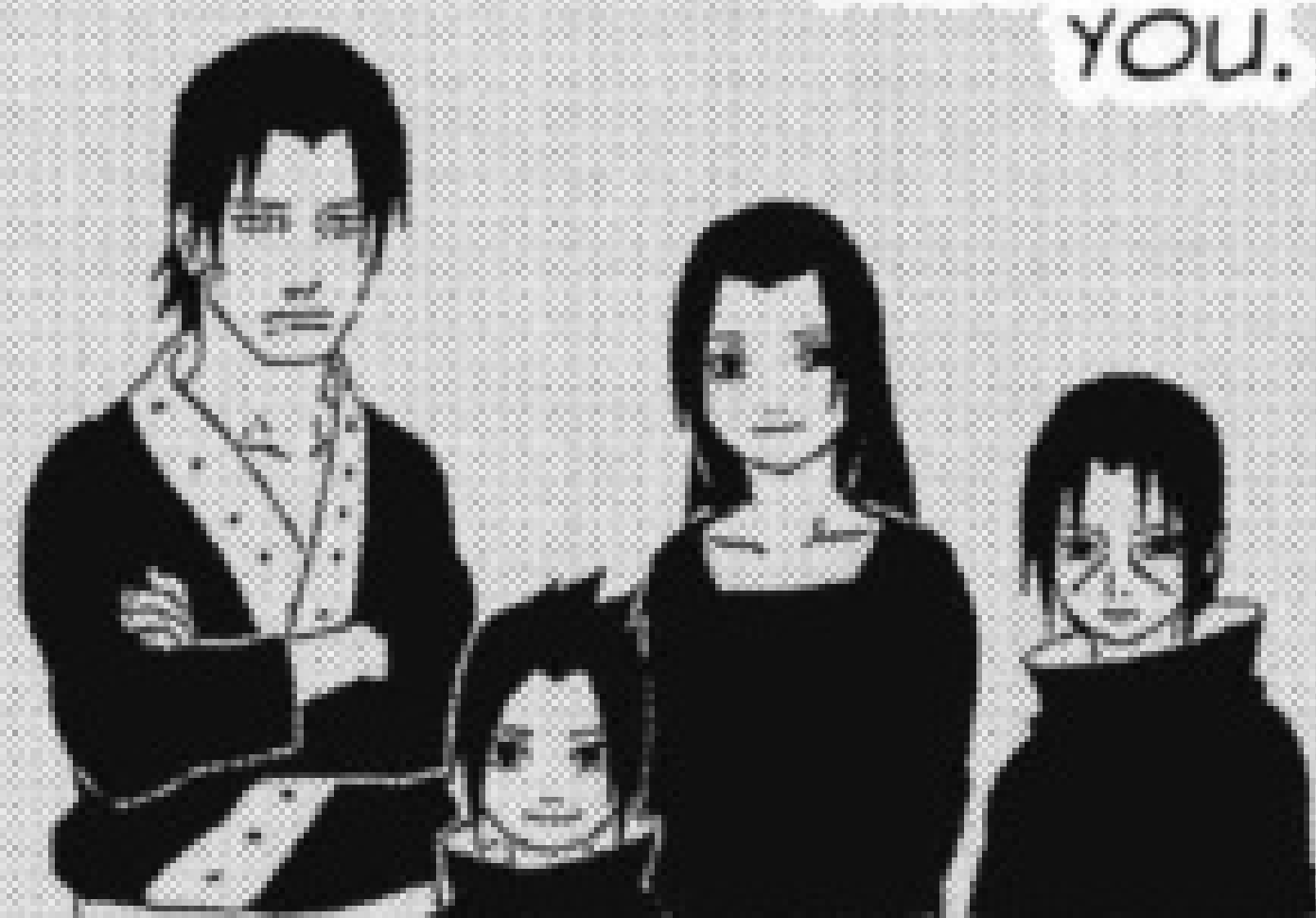
BUT...



...MADE
ME
RECALL
MY
FAMILY.

SEEING
YOU
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
BOND WITH
OTHERS...

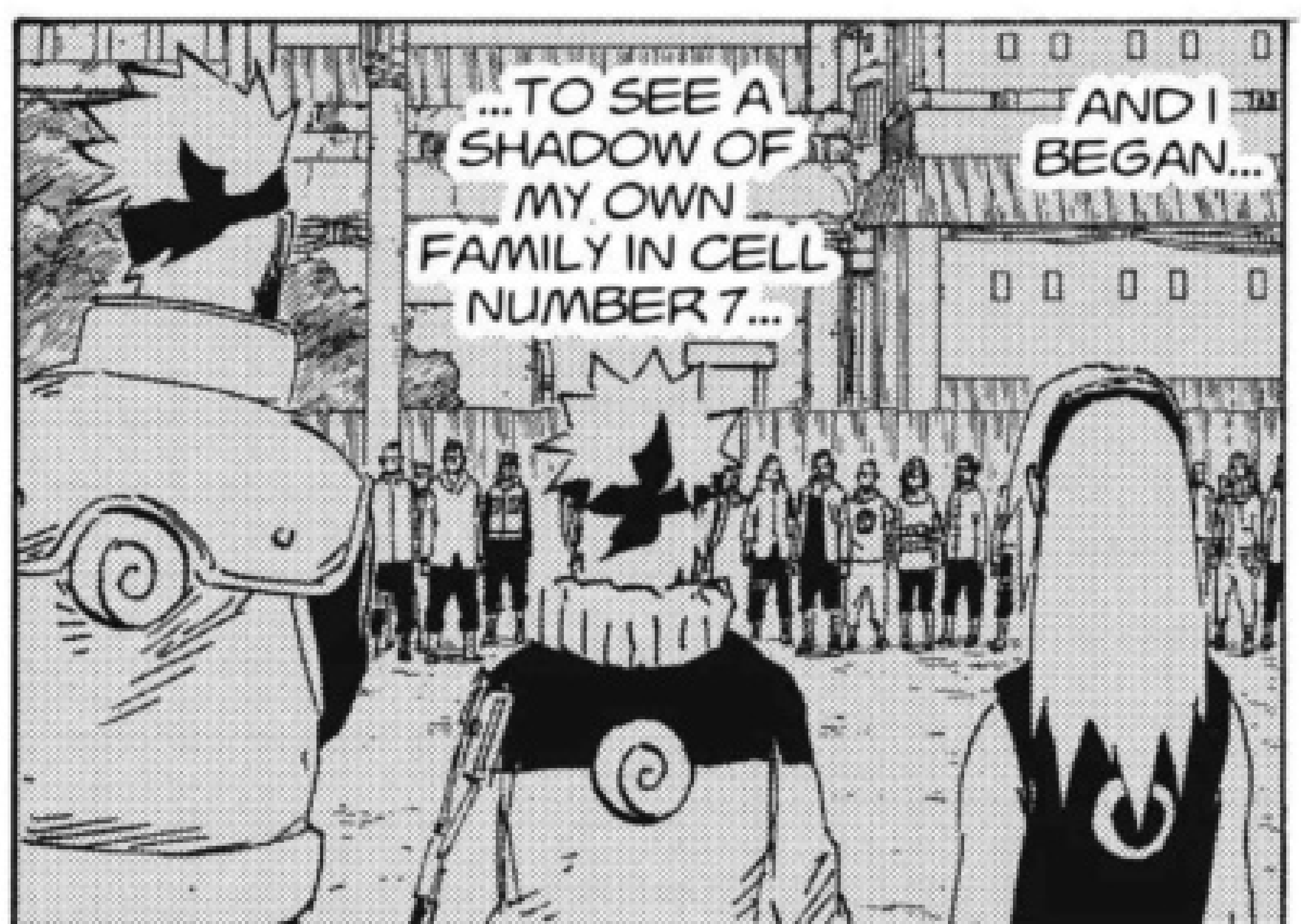
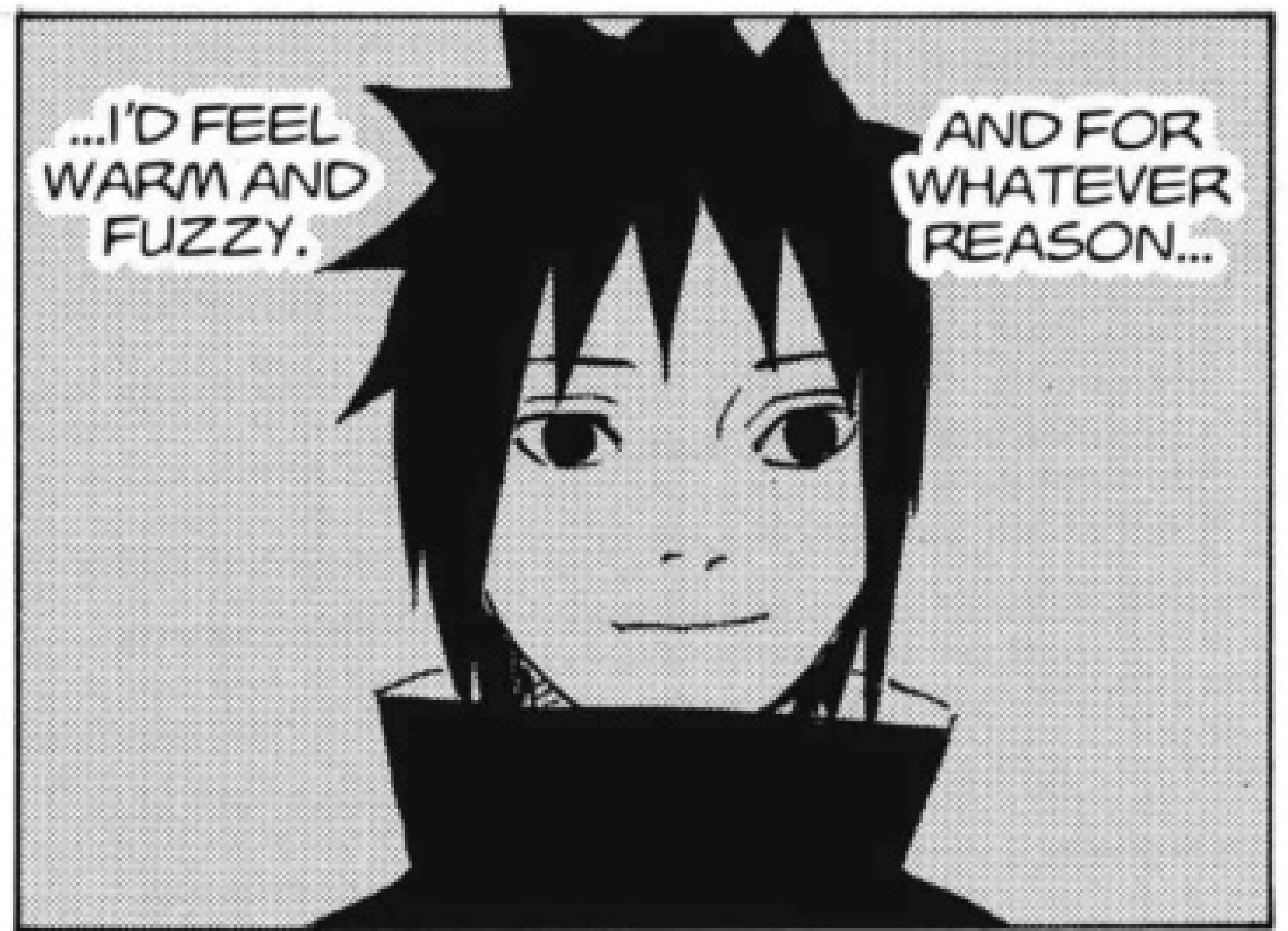
AFTERWARDS,
EVERY
TIME
I'D SEE YOU,
I'D THINK
MORE AND
MORE ABOUT
YOU.



THAT'S
WHEN I
WONDERED...

...IF YOUR
WEAKNESS
WAS RUBBING
OFF ON ME.





...I TOO
FELT
PAIN.

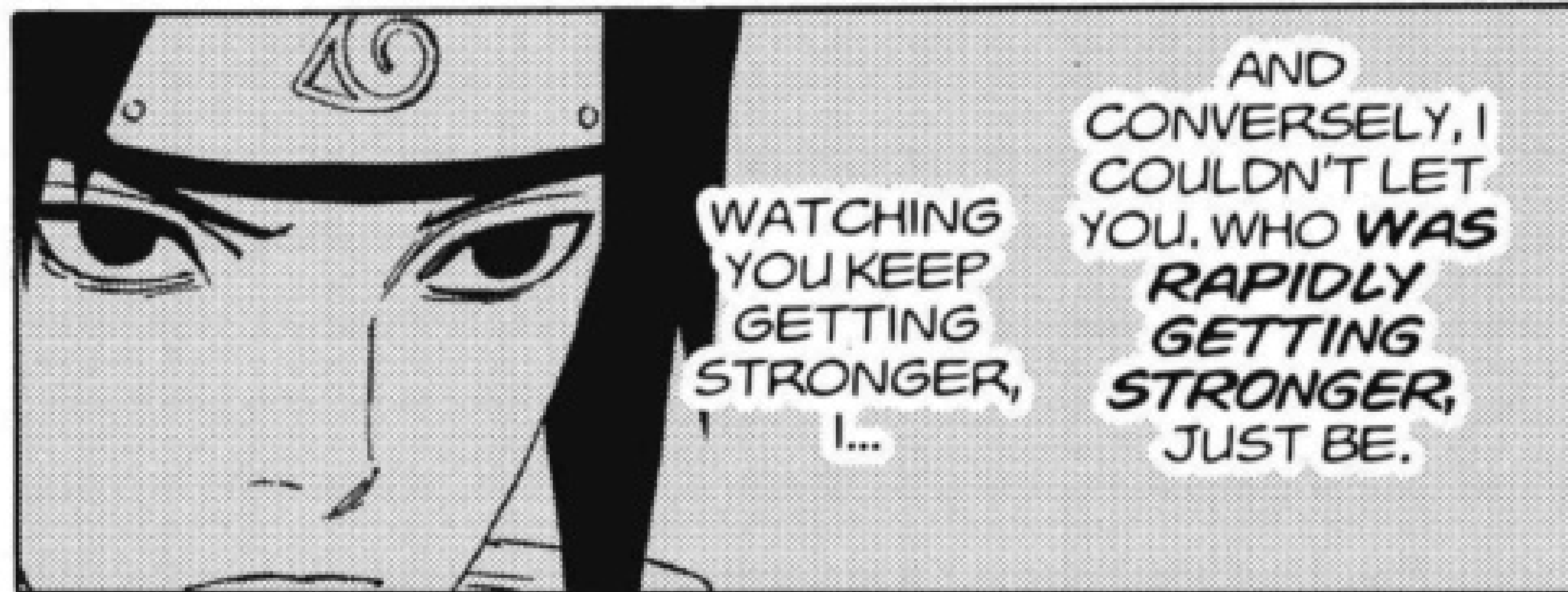


I FELT BETTER
KNOWING
THERE WAS
SOMEONE WHO
WAS LIKE ME
OUT THERE.
I WAS SO
HAPPY AND
WANTED TO
TALK TO YOU,
BE AROUND
YOU.

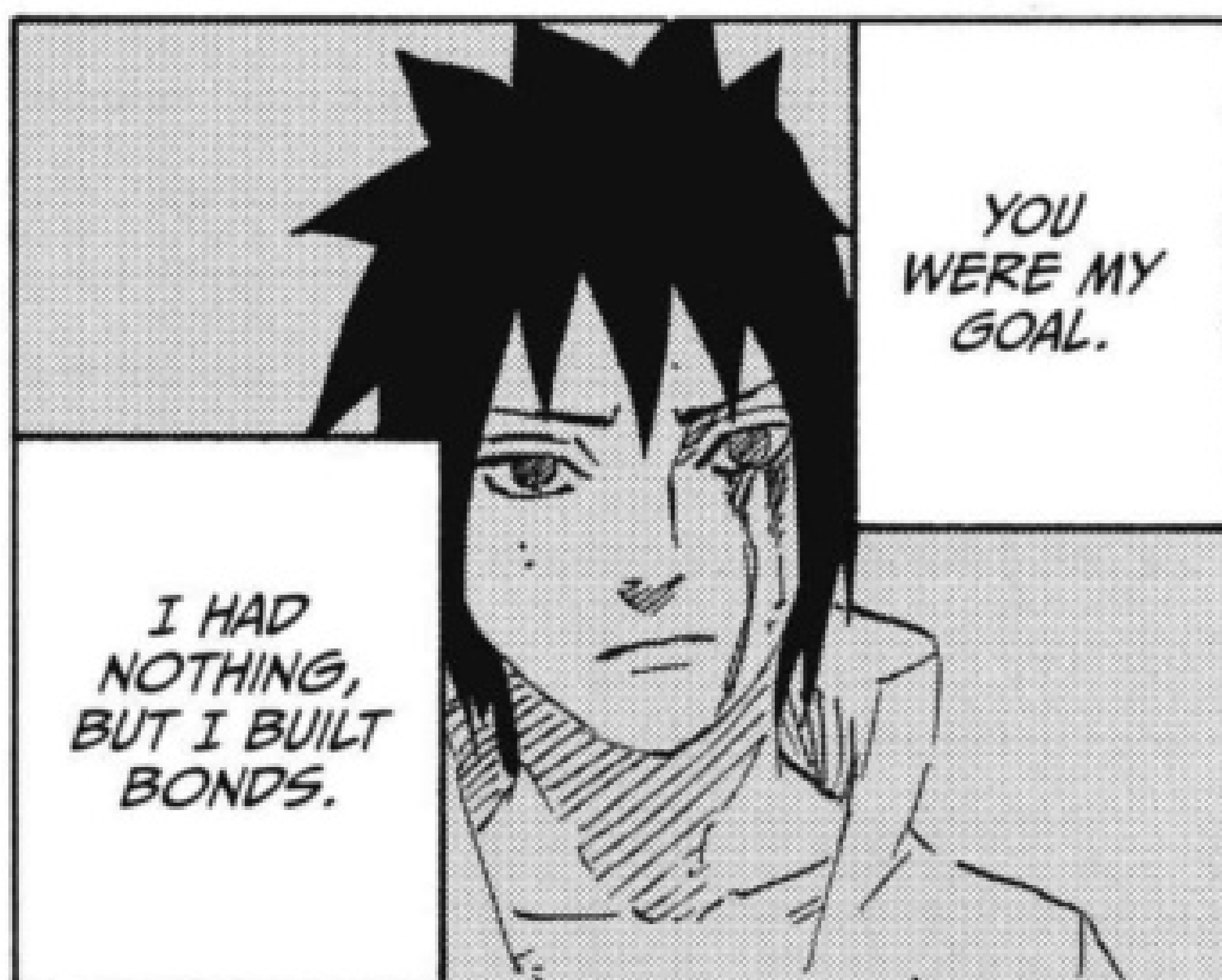
I ALWAYS
KNEW YOU
WERE
ALONE
TOO.



WHEN I
UNDERSTOOD
YOUR HURT, I
FINALLY SAW
YOU AS A
COMRADE.

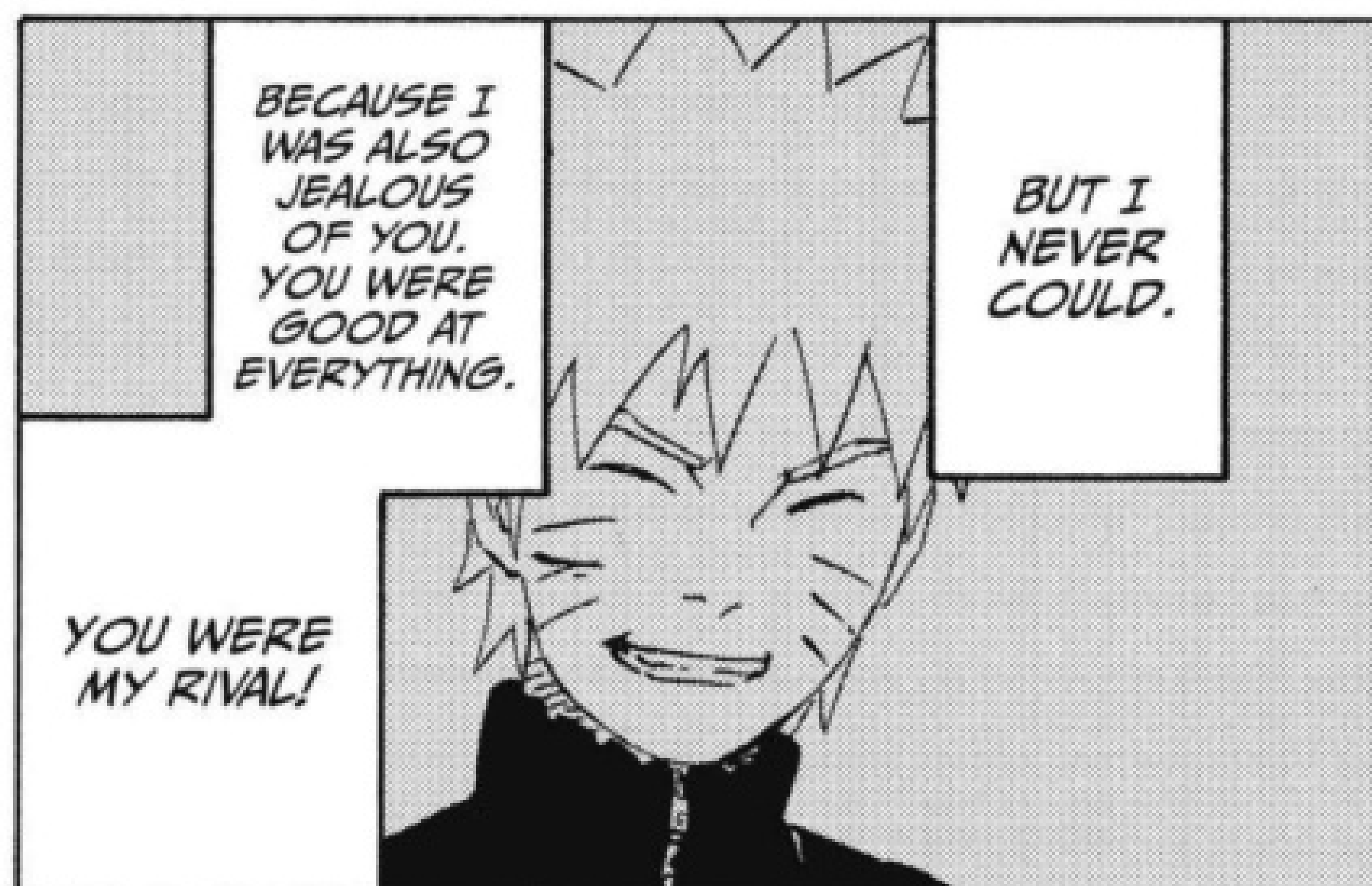


WATCHING
YOU KEEP
GETTING
STRONGER,
I...
AND
CONVERSELY, I
COULDN'T LET
YOU, WHO **WAS**
RAPIDLY
GETTING
STRONGER,
JUST BE.



I HAD
NOTHING,
BUT I BUILT
BONDS.

YOU
WERE MY
GOAL.



BECAUSE I
WAS ALSO
JEALOUS
OF YOU.
YOU WERE
GOOD AT
EVERYTHING.

YOU WERE
MY RIVAL!

BUT I
NEVER
COULD.

...I KEPT
CHASING AFTER
YOU. I WANTED
TO BE STRONG
LIKE YOU. COOL
LIKE YOU.

AND
THEN
IN OUR
MISSIONS
AS
CELL 7...

YOU HAD A
STRENGTH
THAT I DIDN'T
HAVE...

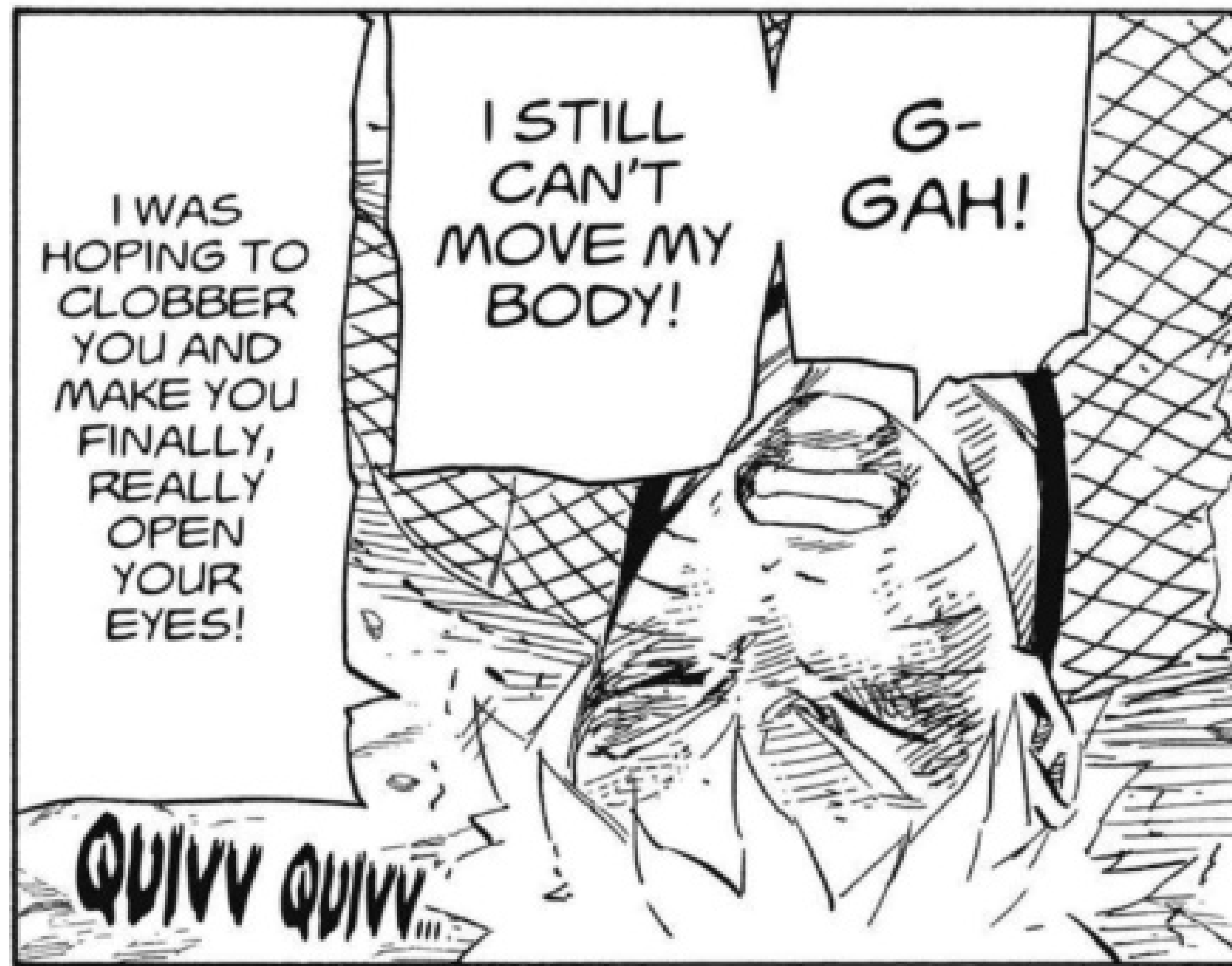
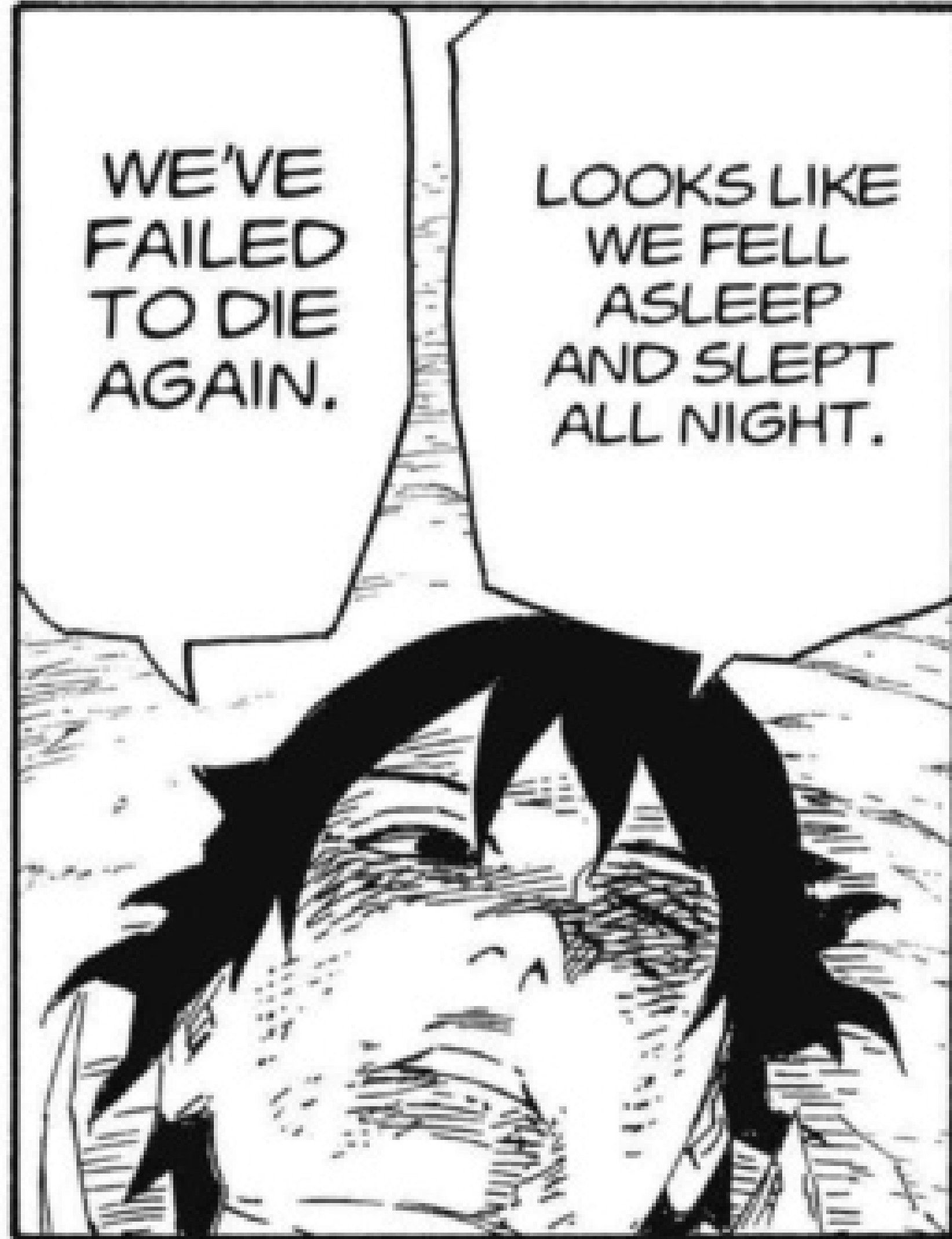
I WAS THE ONE
WHO WAS
JEALOUS OF
YOU.

IT WAS THE
OPPOSITE...

AND
TODAY
TOO...

JUST LIKE
MY LATE
BROTHER...

YOU WERE
ALWAYS
WALKING IN
FRONT
OF ME...







THE REAL
MATCH
THAT I
WANT
COMES
AFTER
THAT!!



THIS
FIGHT
ISN'T
ABOUT
WINNING
OR
LOSING!!

FOOL!!

IT'S ABOUT
PUNCHING A
SULKING FRIEND
AND MAKING HIM
SNAP OUT OF IT!!



IF I DIE HERE, THE
LONG CYCLE OF
DESTINY THE SAGE
OF SIX PATHS
MENTIONED WILL
PROBABLY END
AS WELL.

I'VE
ACKNOWL-
EDGED YOU
NOW...

HEY,
NARUTO
...

HUH?



...

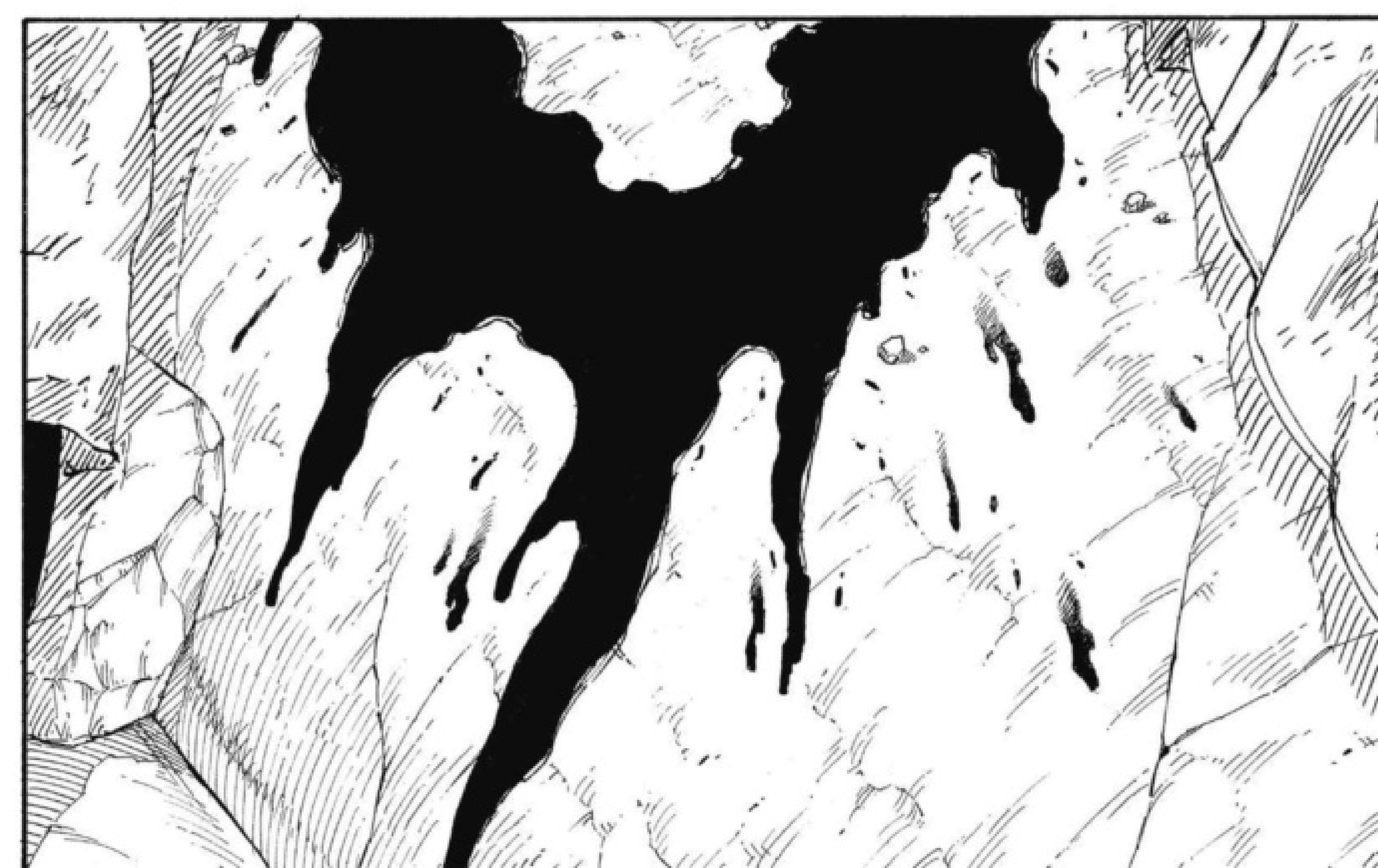
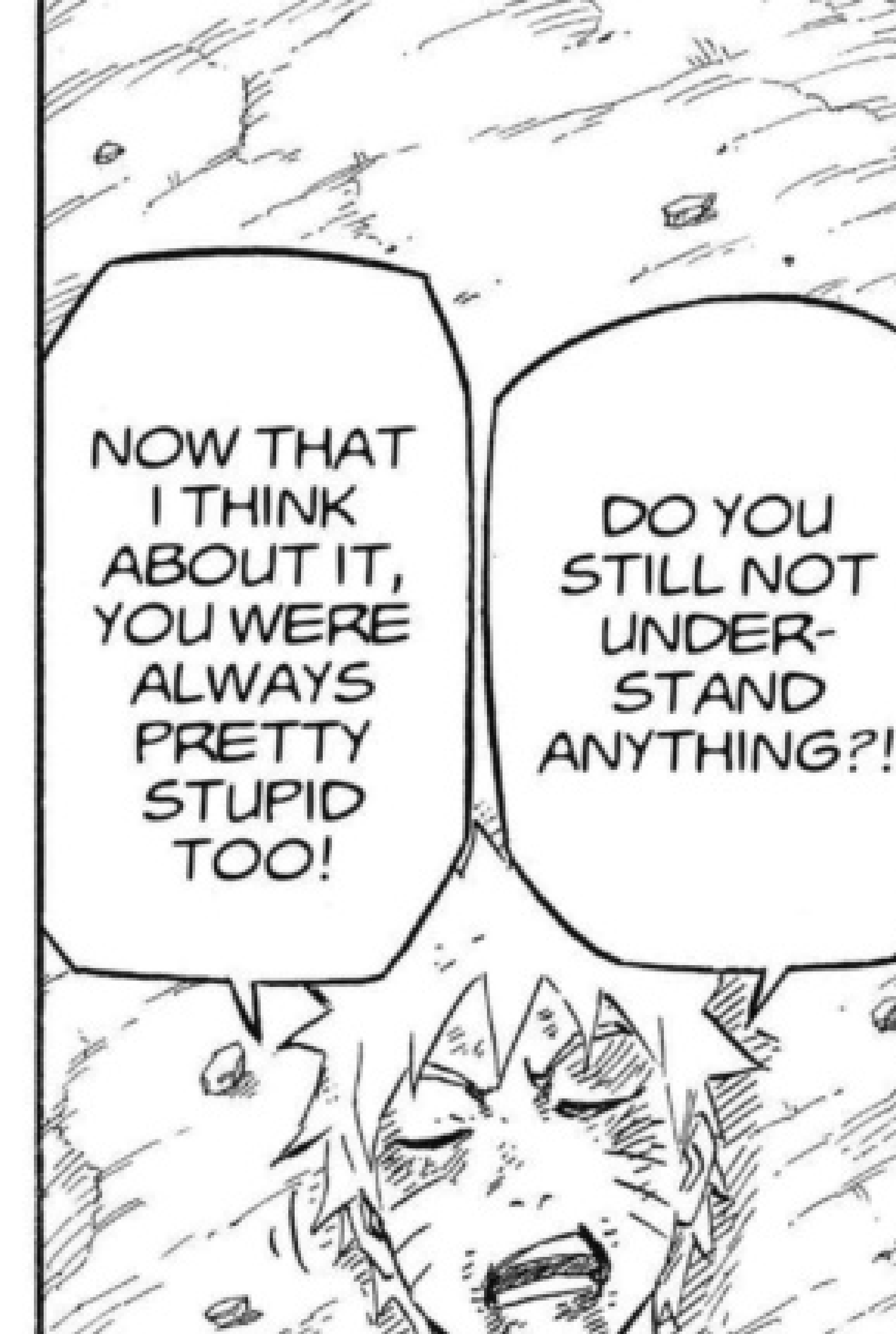
YOU CAN UNDO
THE INFINITE
TSUKUYOMI
AFTER I'M
DEAD...

...BY TRANS-
PLANTING MY
LEFT EYE
INTO
KAKASHI OR
SOMEONE
ELSE.

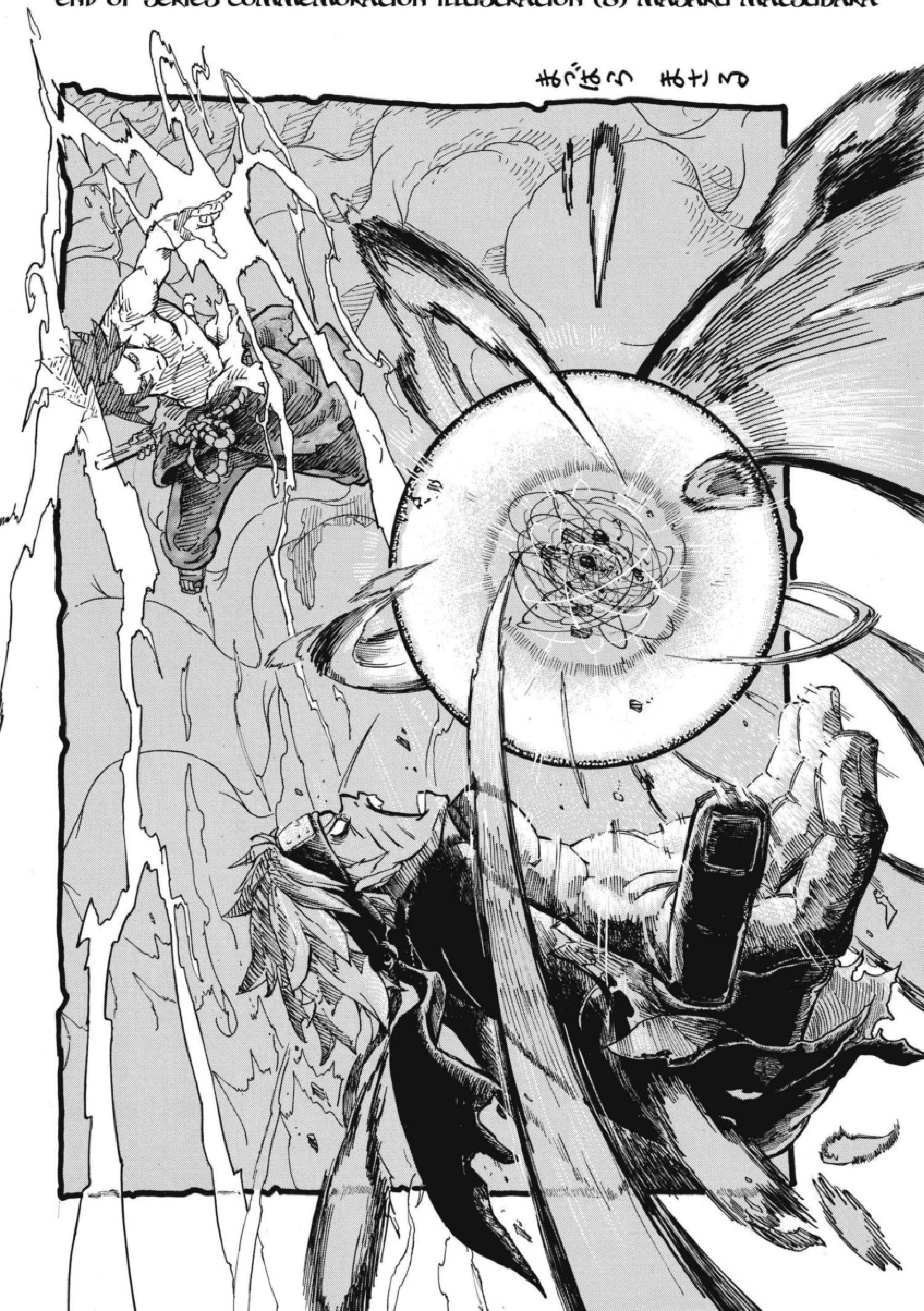
THIS IS A
TYPE OF
REVOLUTION
TOO.

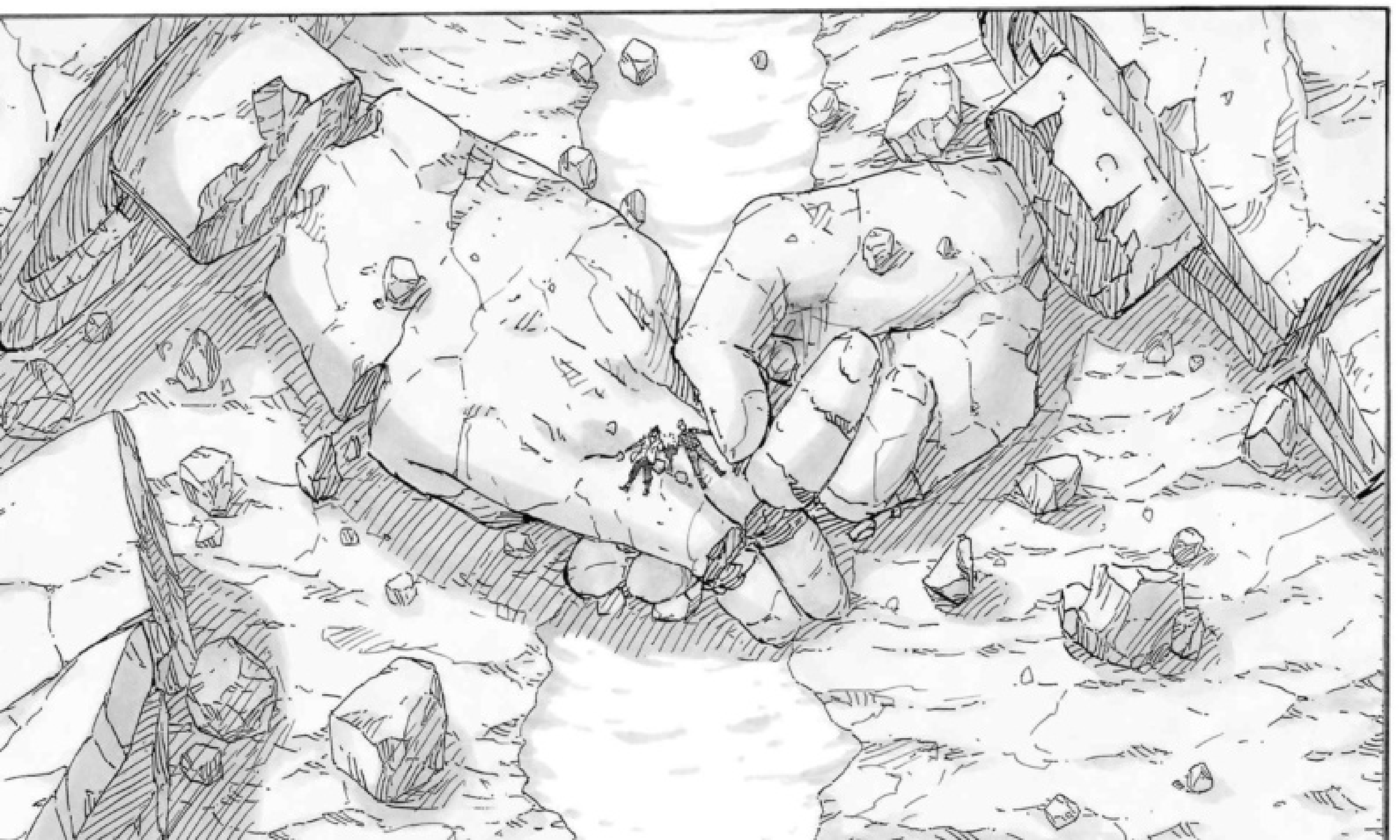
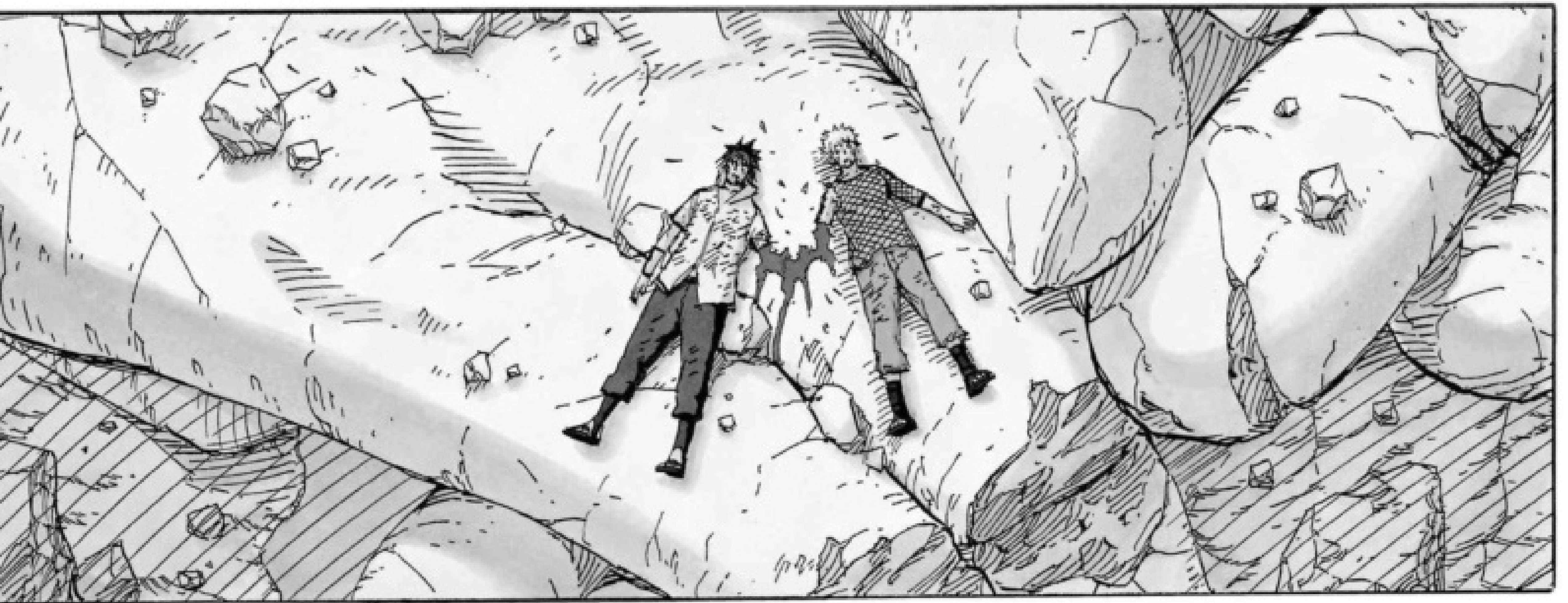


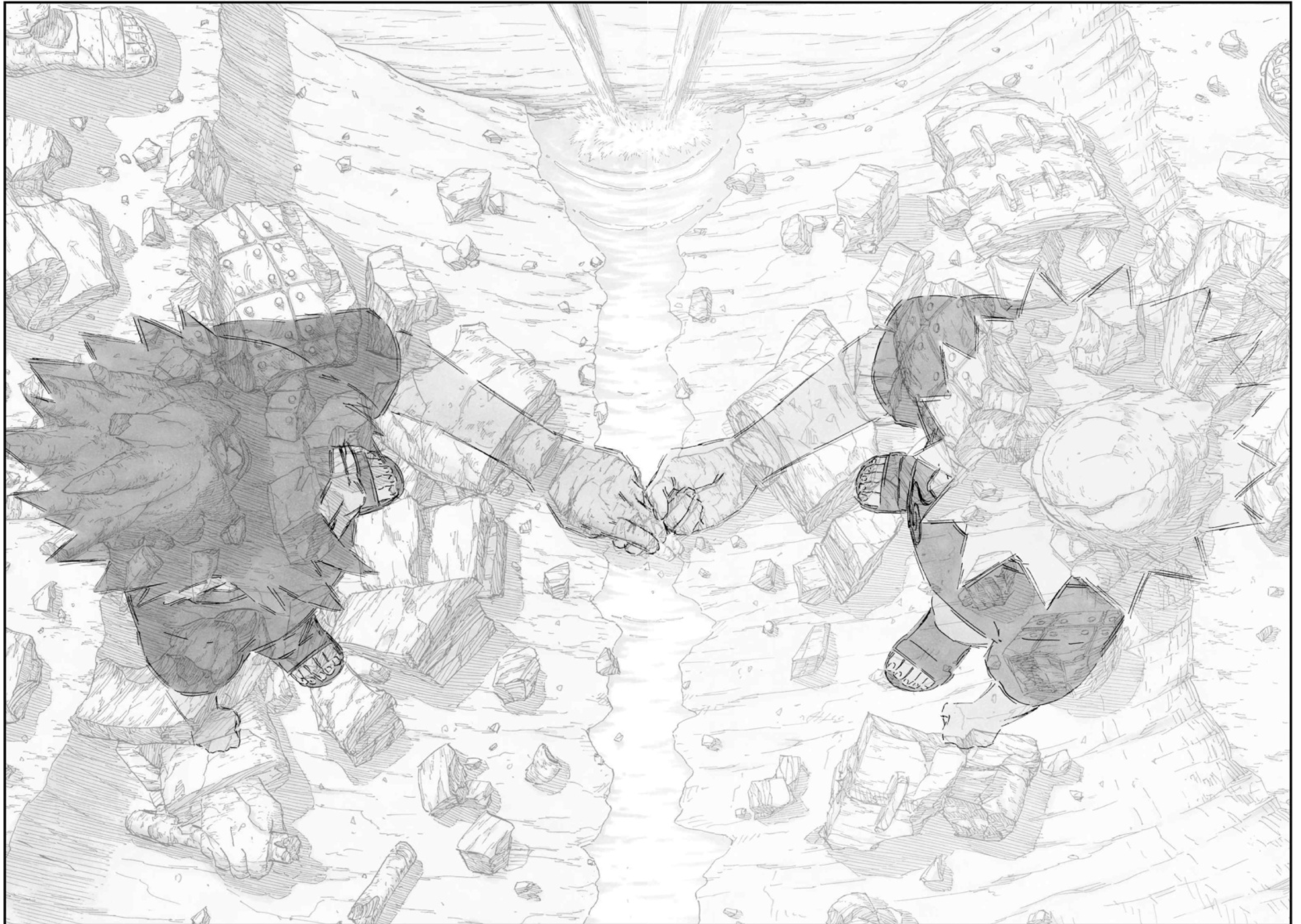




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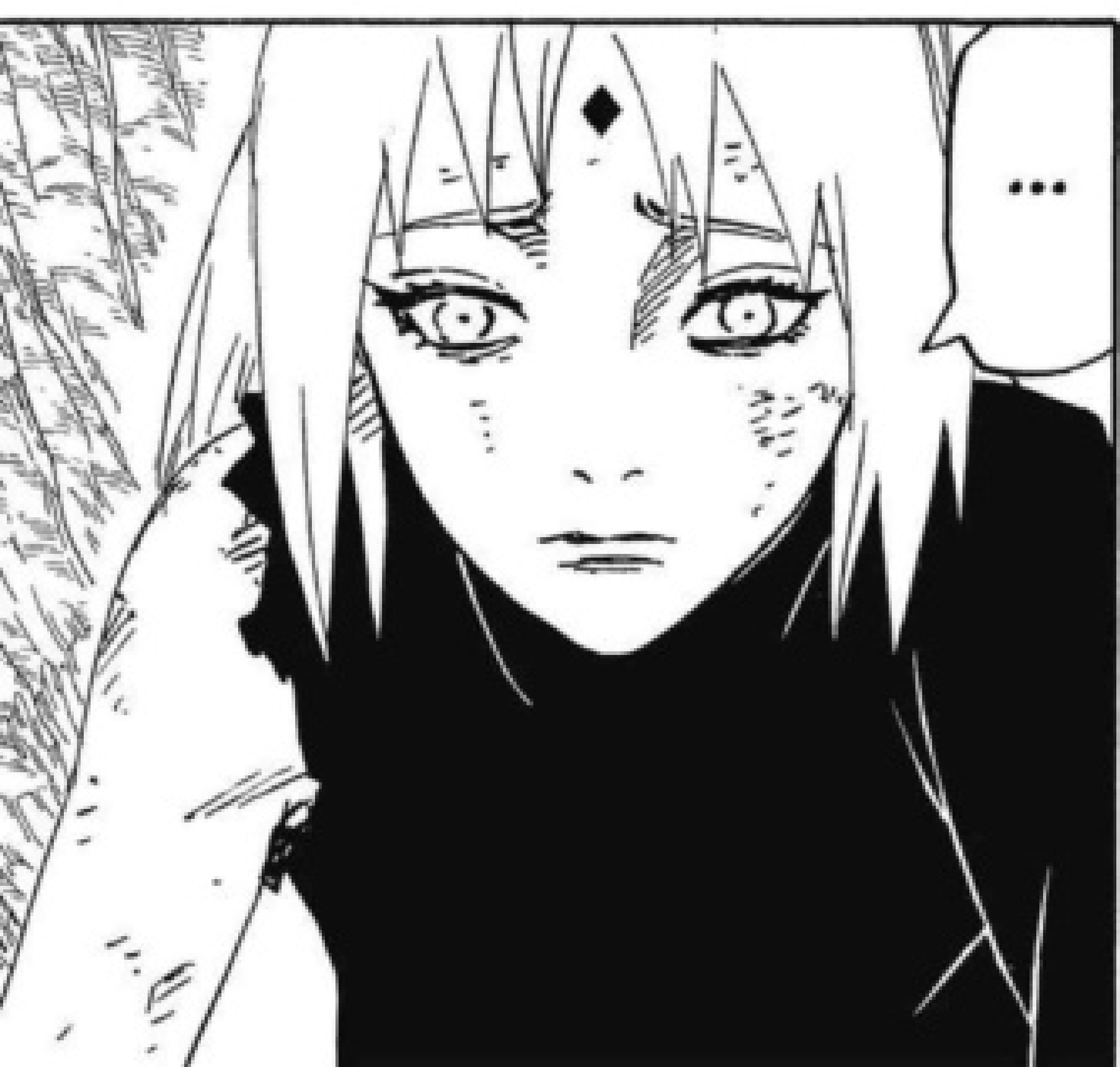


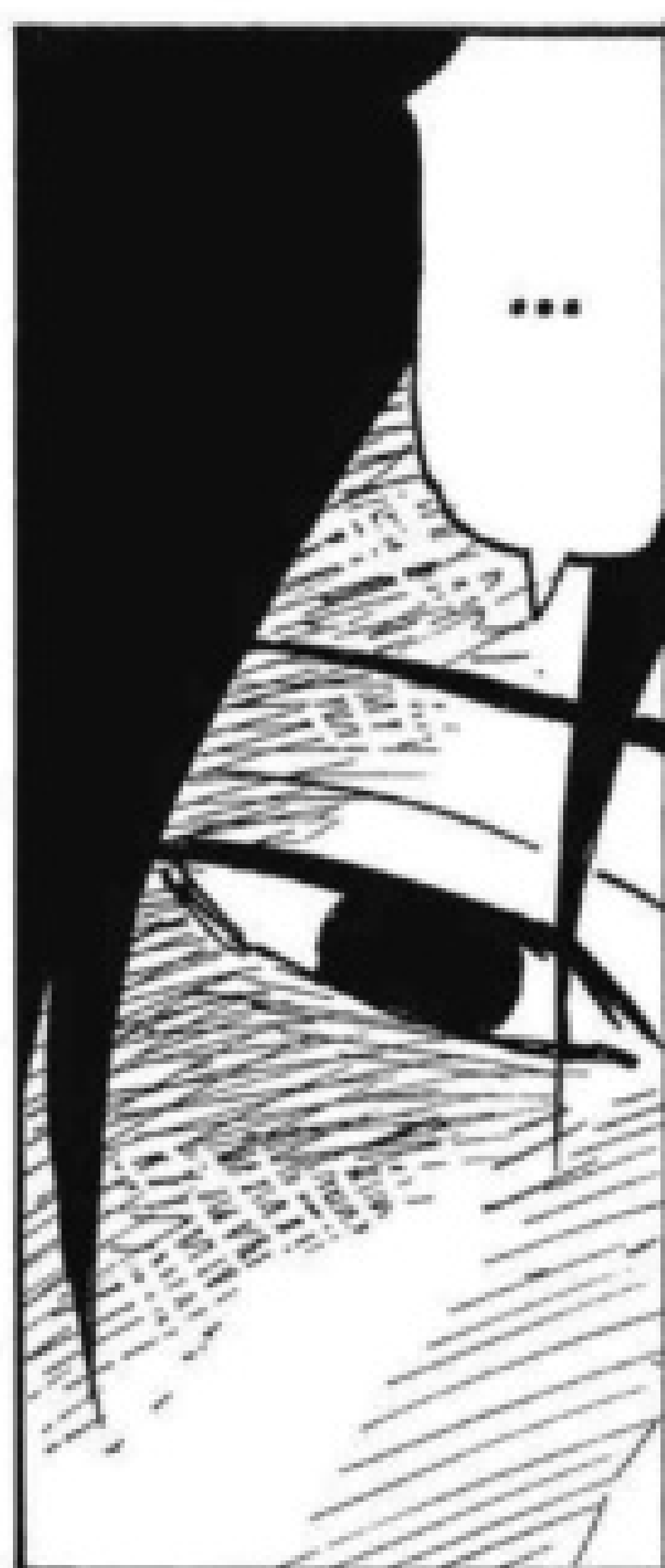


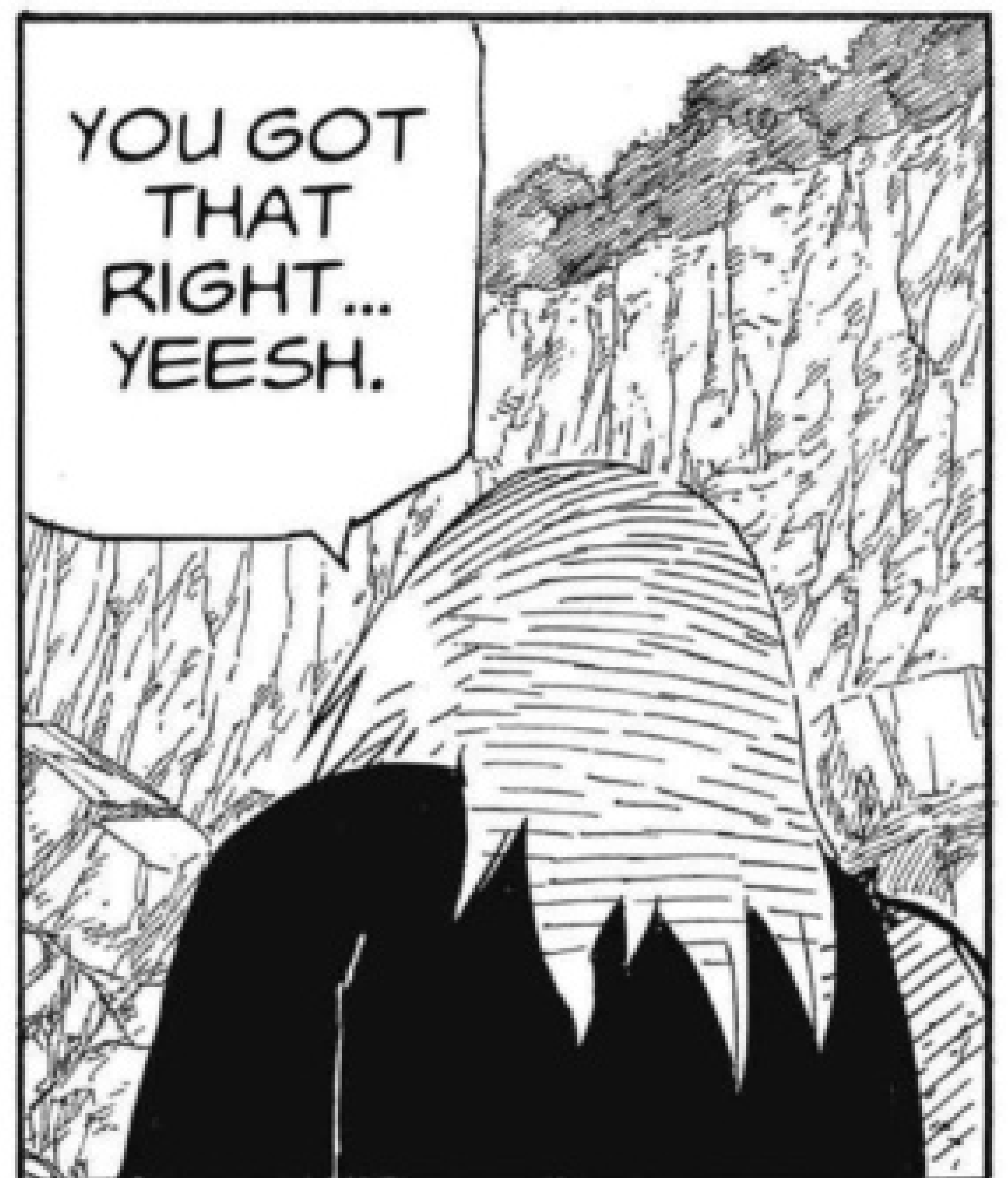
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THE SERIES. I'M REALLY SAD,
BUT IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE! I HOPE TO WORK WITH YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY.
-ATSUHIRO SATO

THE ABOVE IS A CUTOUT. THERE IS A COLOR VERSION OF THIS NARUTO
CUTOUT ON THE FOLLOWING WEB PAGE, SO PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!

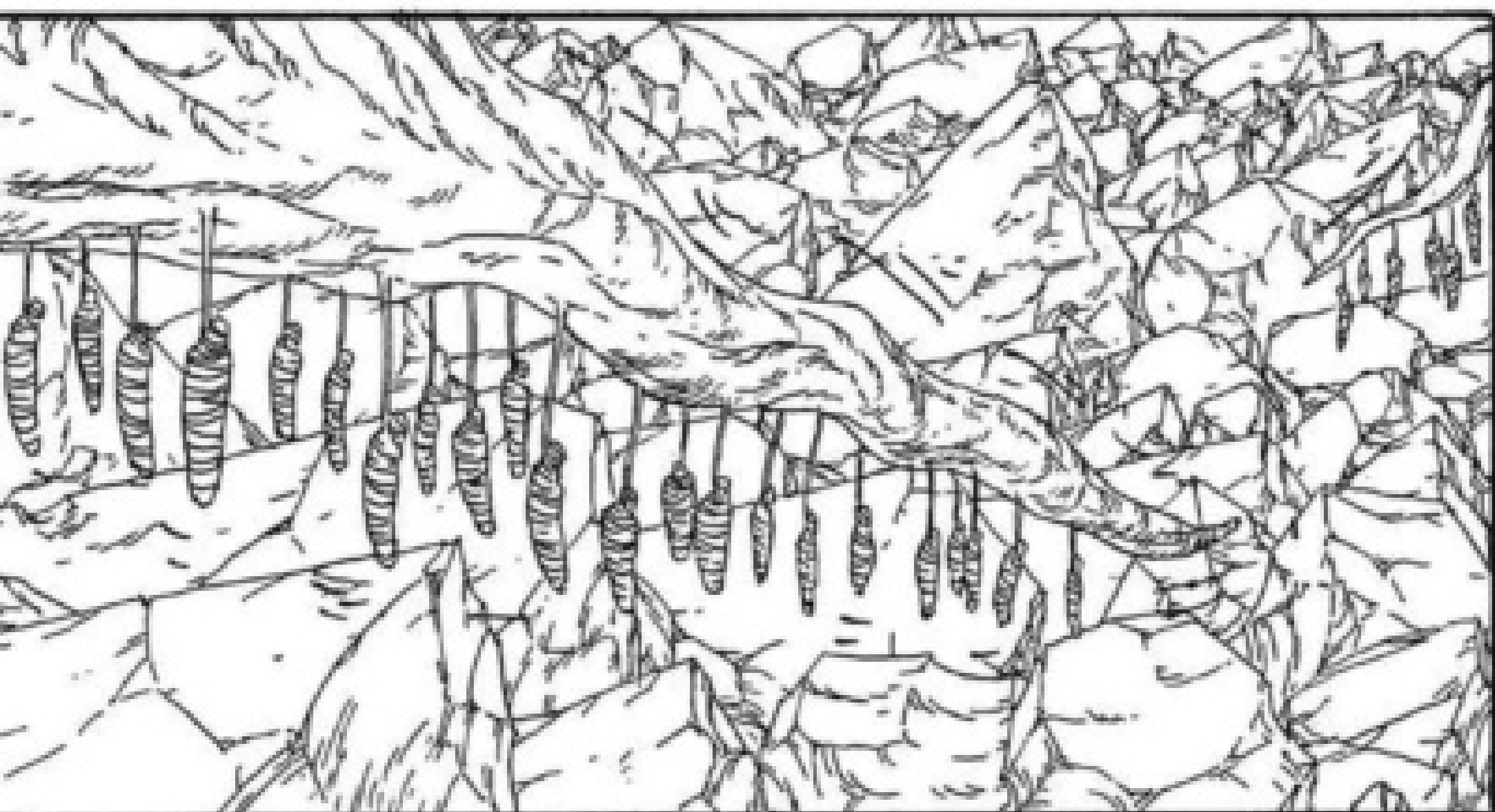
CUTOUT ARTIST ATSUHIRO [HTTP://KIRIEATSU.BLOG.FC2.COM/](http://kirieatsu.blog.fc2.com/)



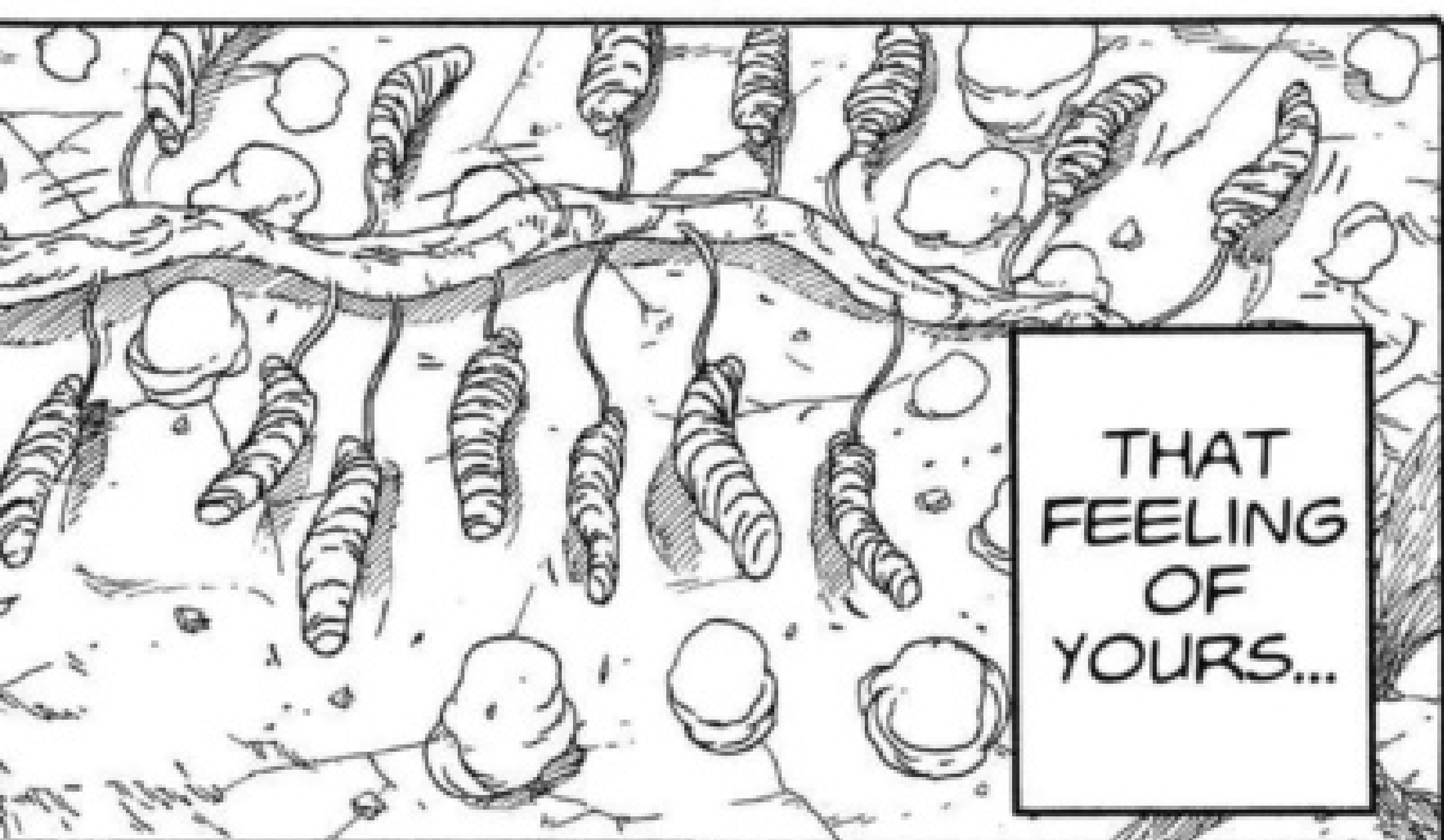








HOW WHEN
YOU'RE WITH
ME YOU
WONDER IF
THIS IS WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO
HAVE A
BROTHER...

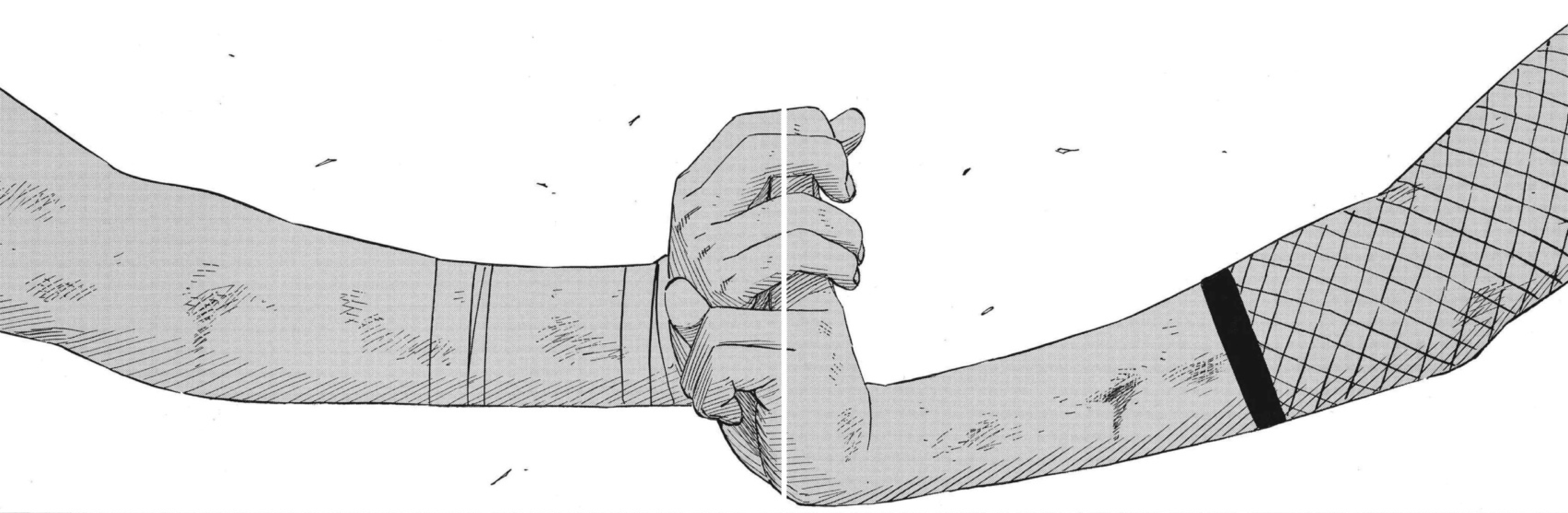


THAT
FEELING
OF
YOURS...



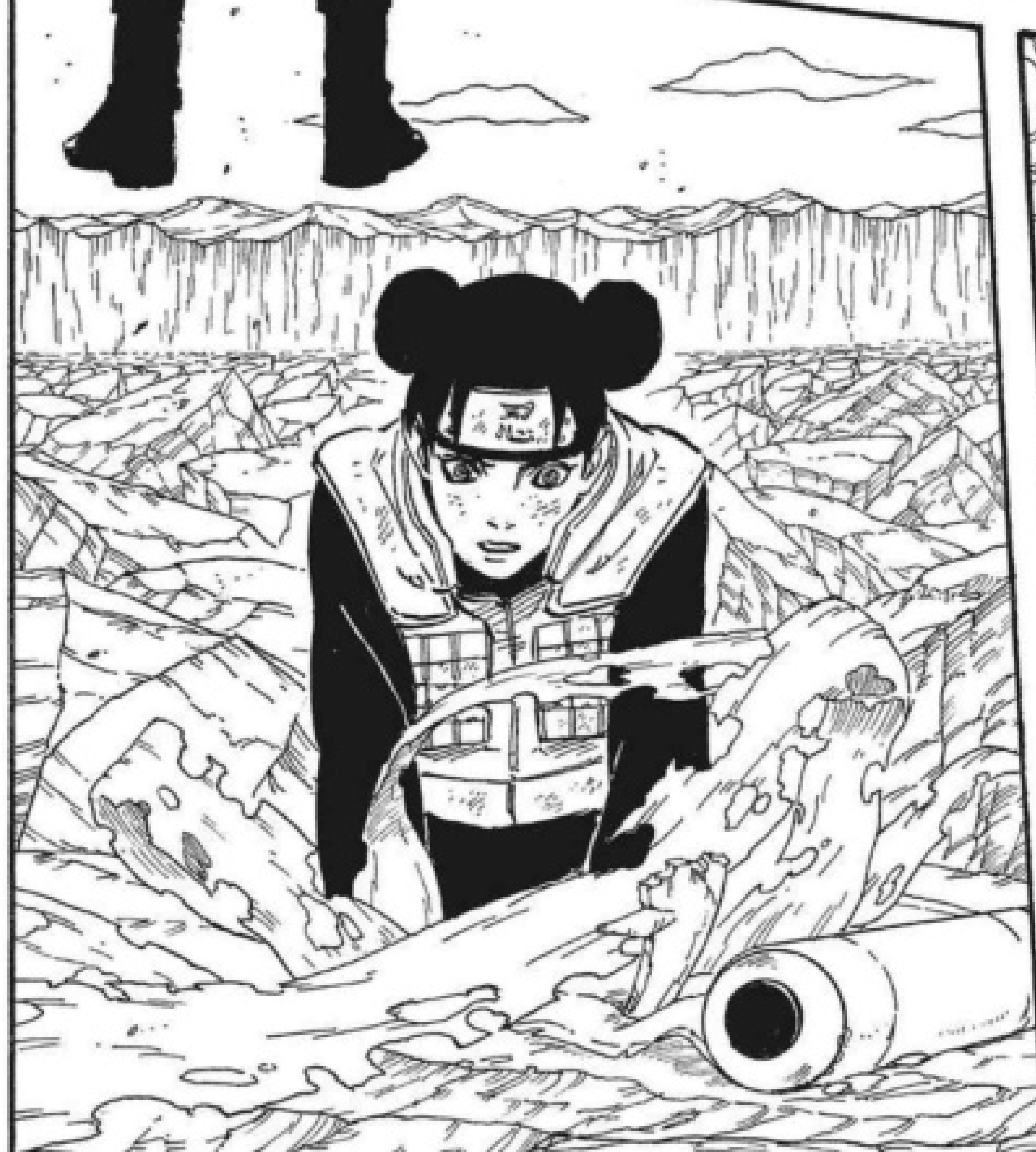
...I THINK I
FINALLY
GET WHAT
YOU
MEANT.

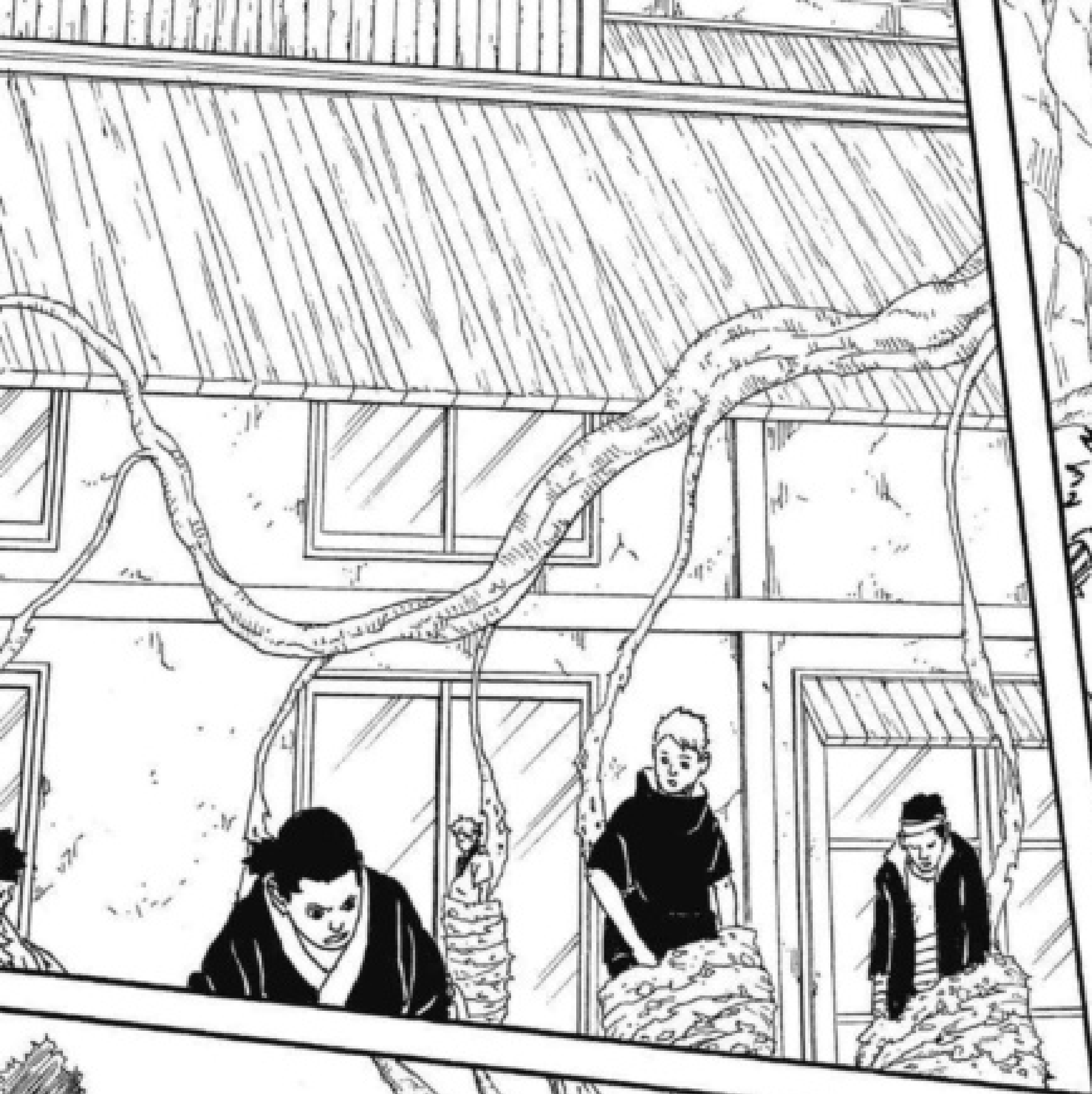




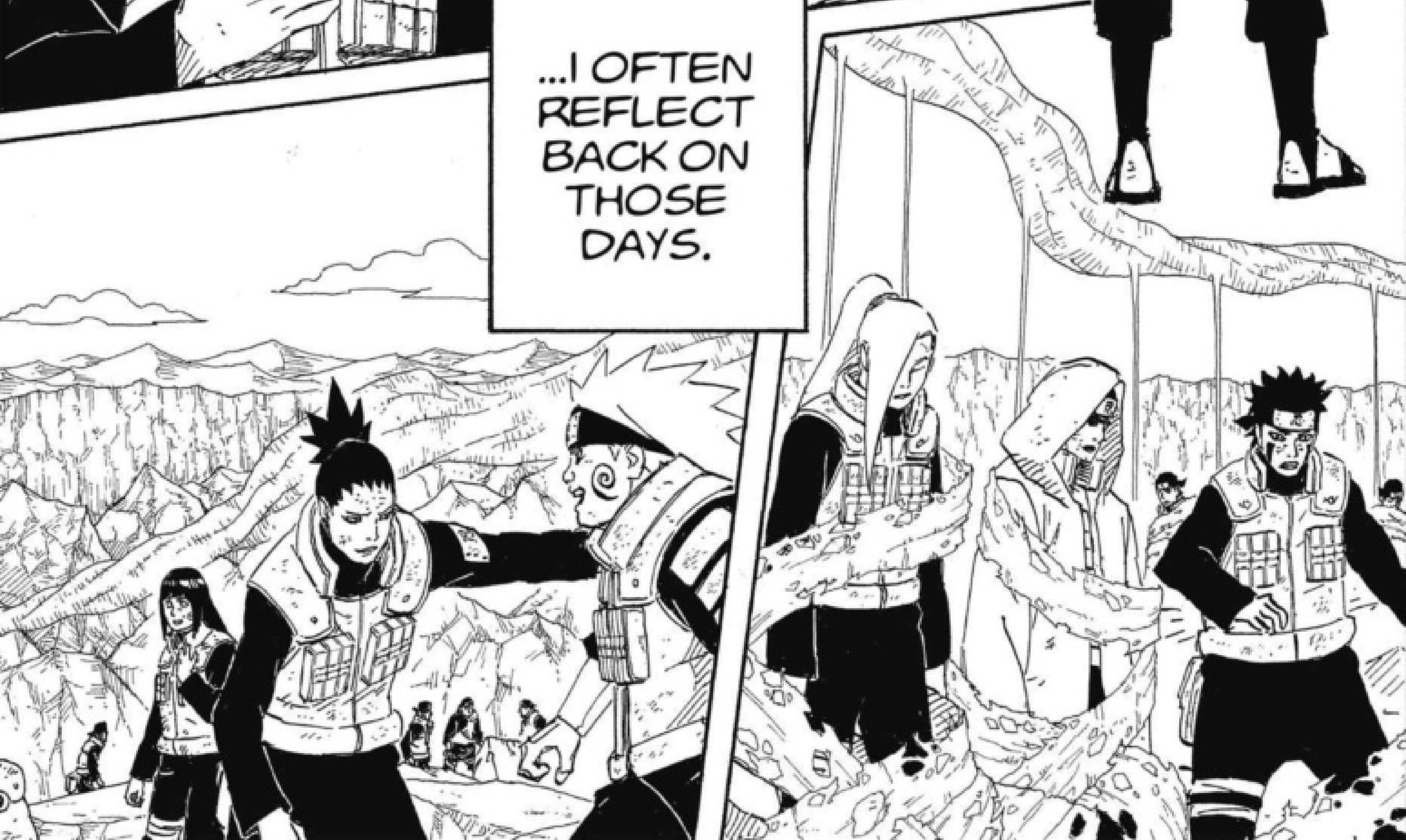


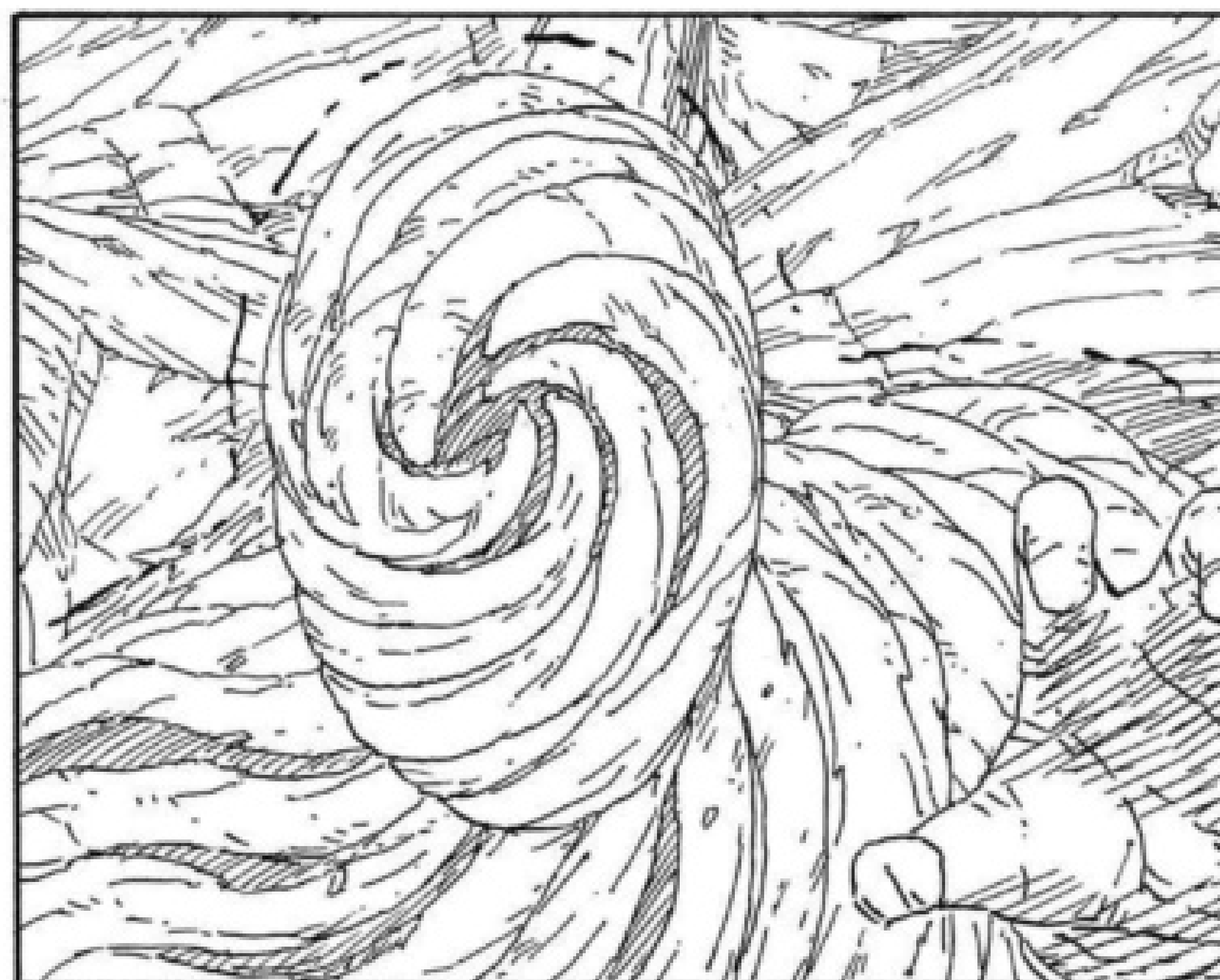
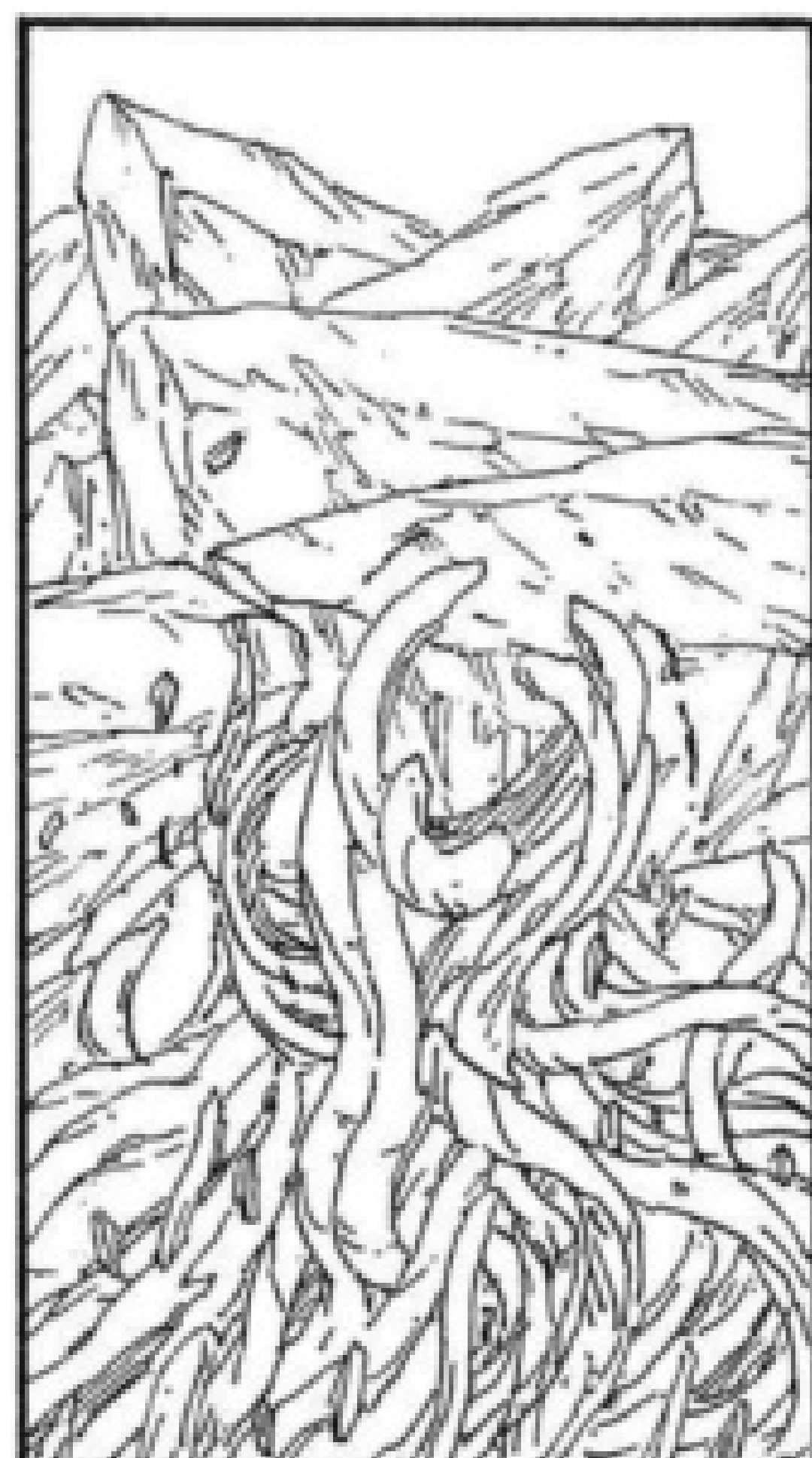
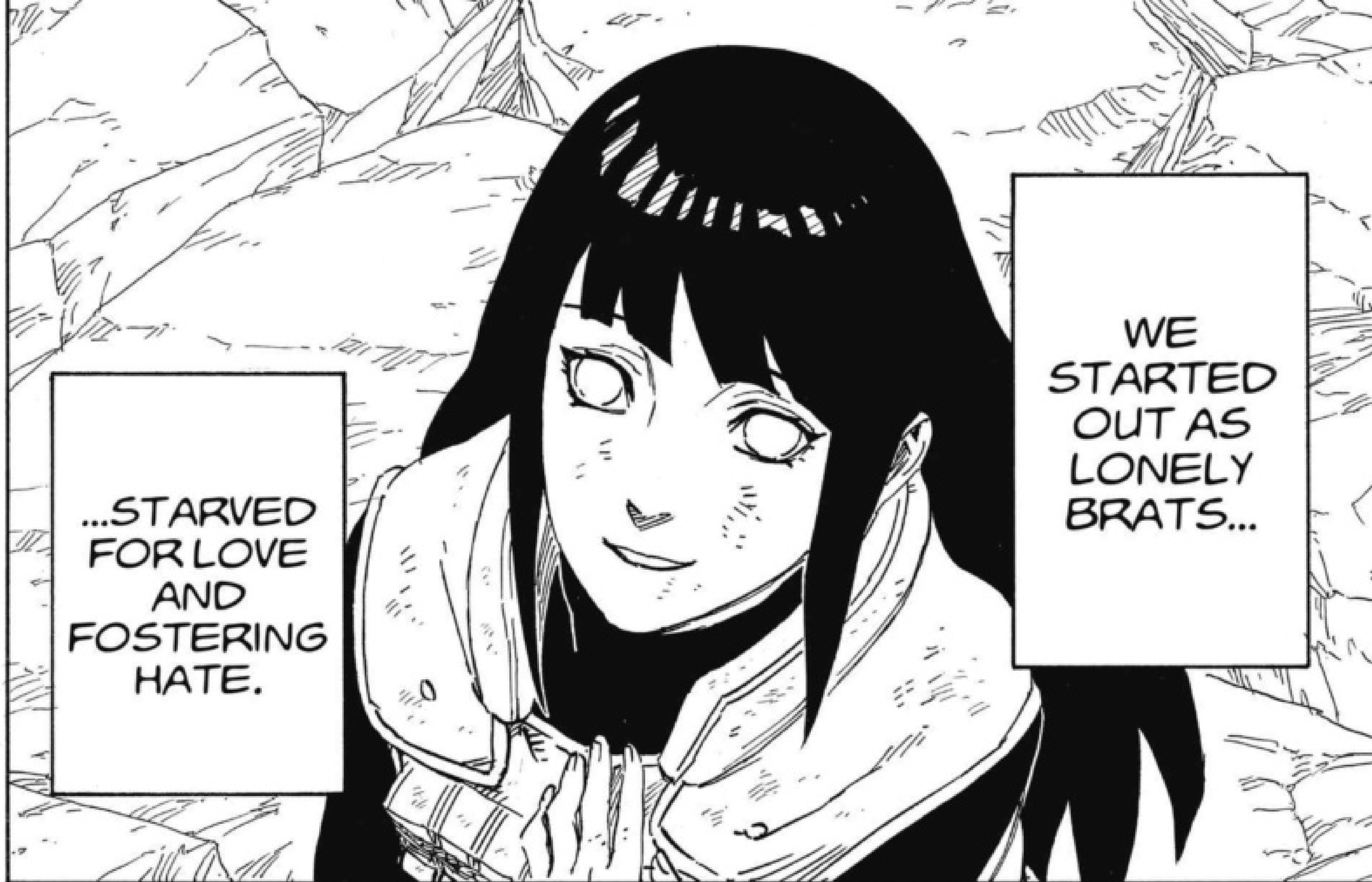
AS I TRAVEL
FAR AND
WIDE
ACROSS
THE
WORLD...

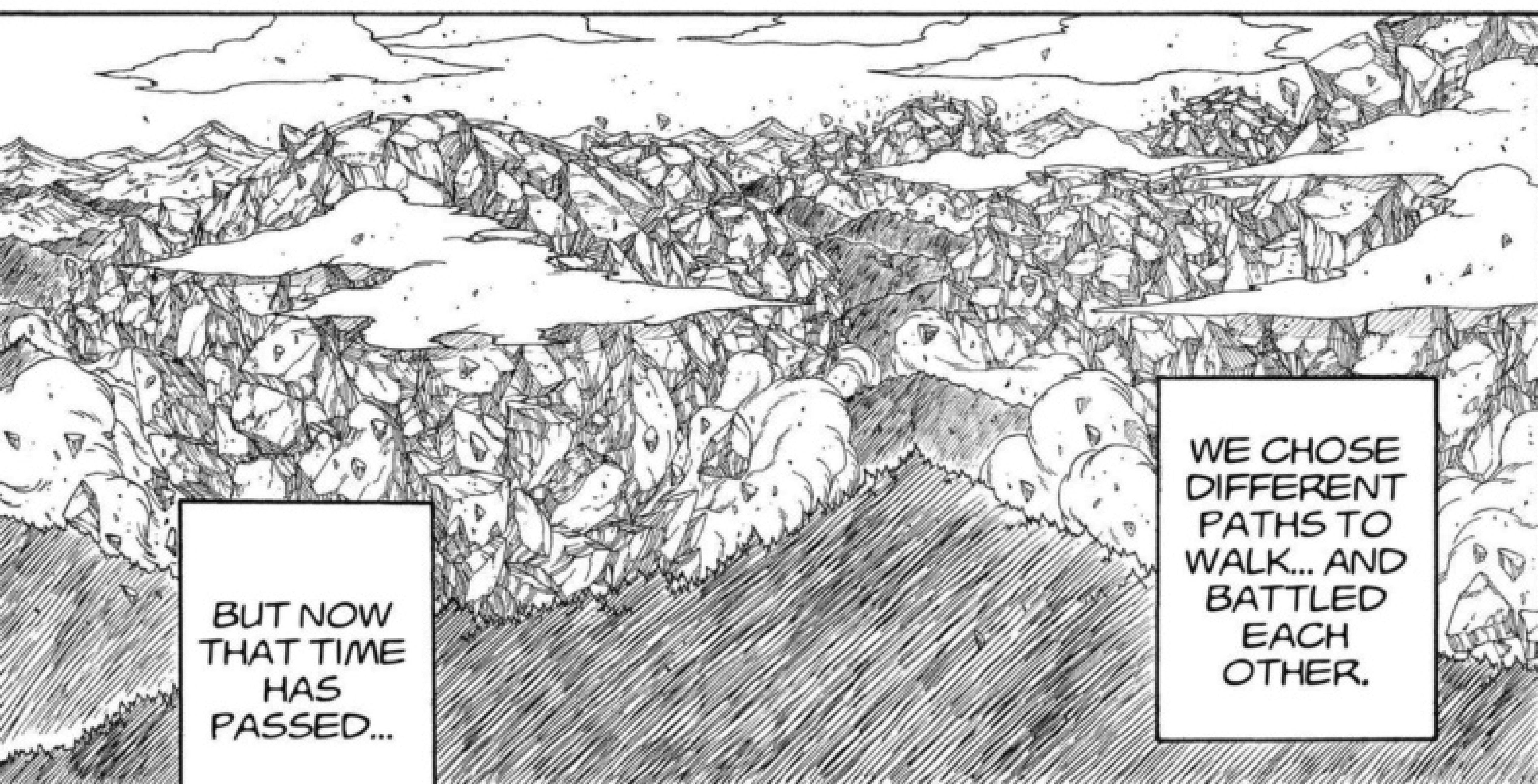




...I OFTEN
REFLECT
BACK ON
THOSE
DAYS.







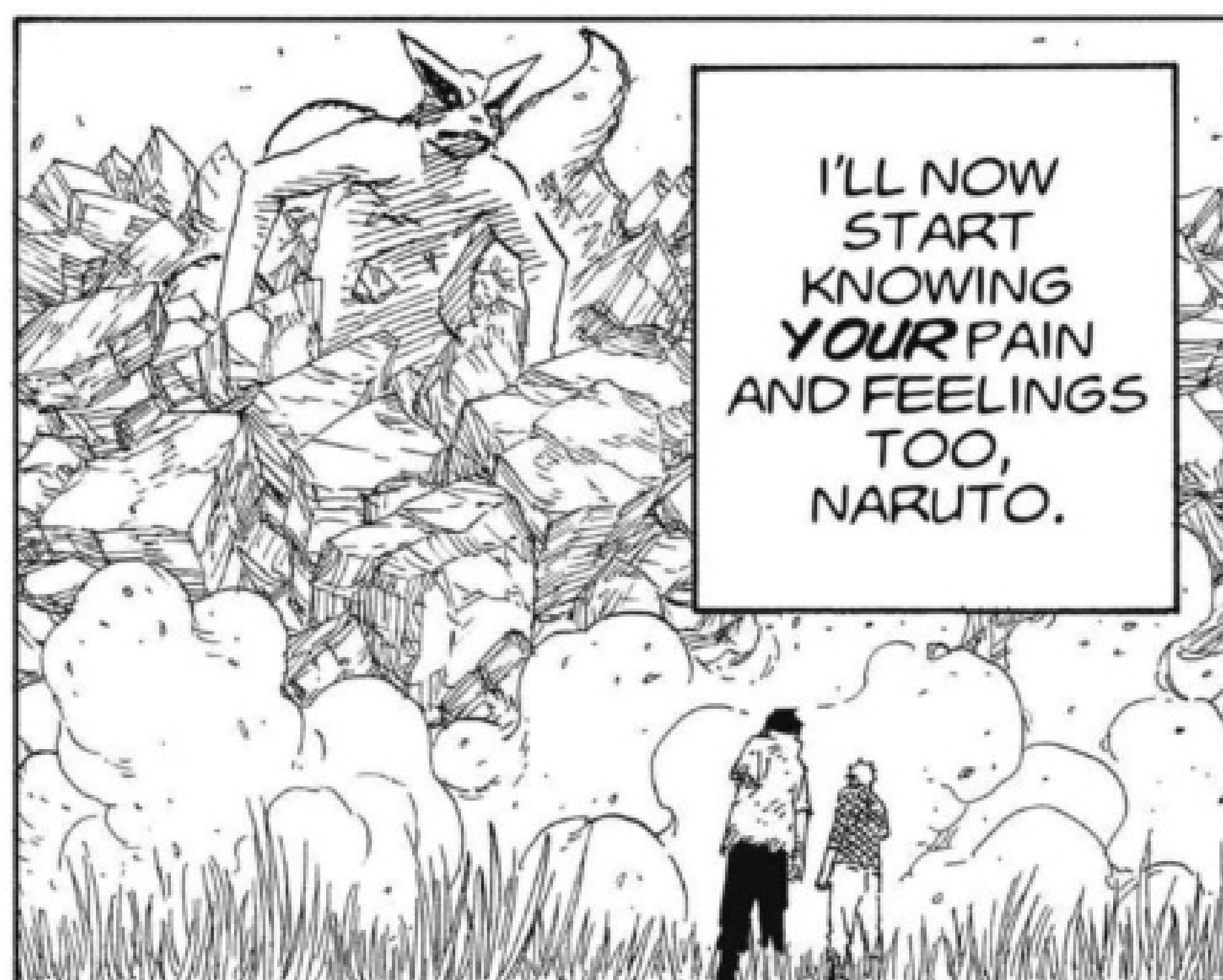
BUT NOW
THAT TIME
HAS
PASSED...

WE CHOSE
DIFFERENT
PATHS TO
WALK... AND
BATTLED
EACH
OTHER.

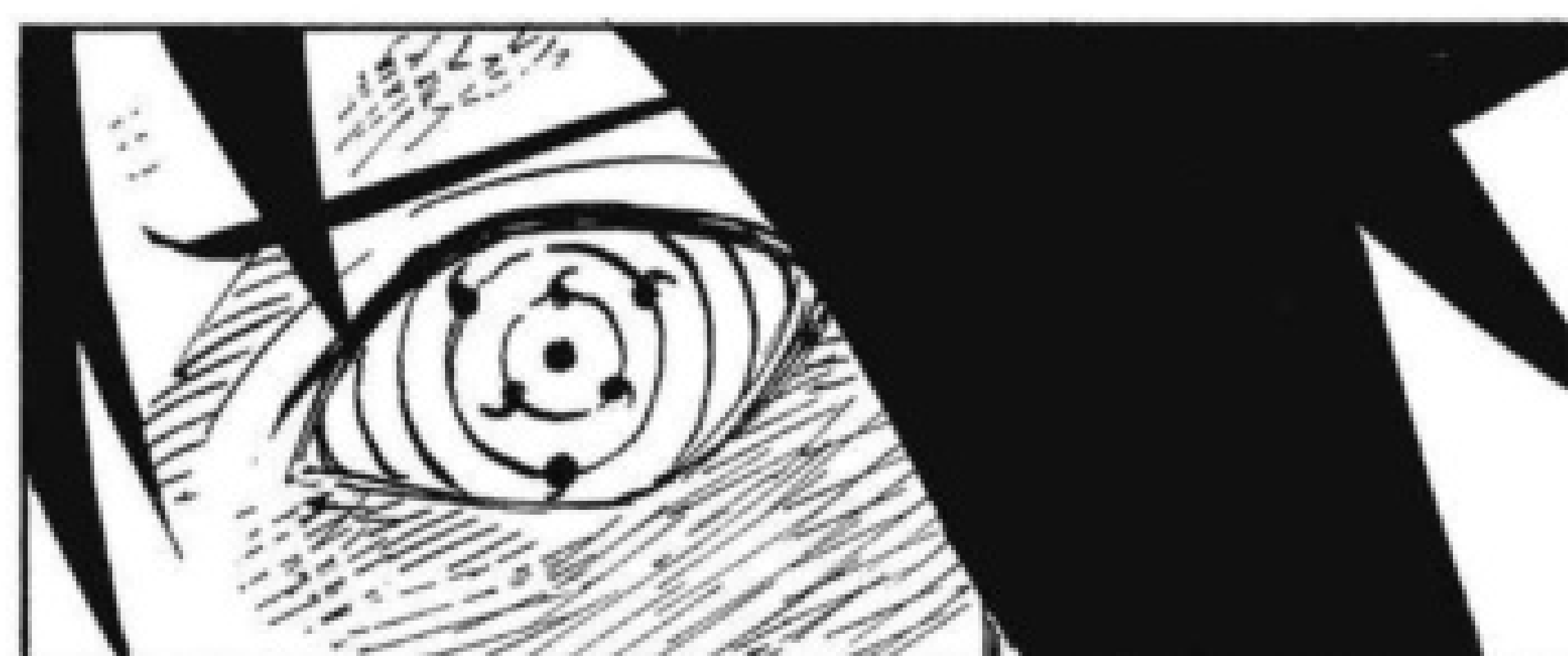


IT'S
JUST
LIKE...

...HOW I CAME
TO FEEL
FATHER,
MOTHER, AND
MY BROTHER
ITACHI'S PAIN
AND
EMOTIONS...



I'LL NOW
START
KNOWING
YOUR PAIN
AND FEELINGS
TOO,
NARUTO.



IN FACT,
YOU KEPT
TRYING
TO GET
CLOSER
TO ME.

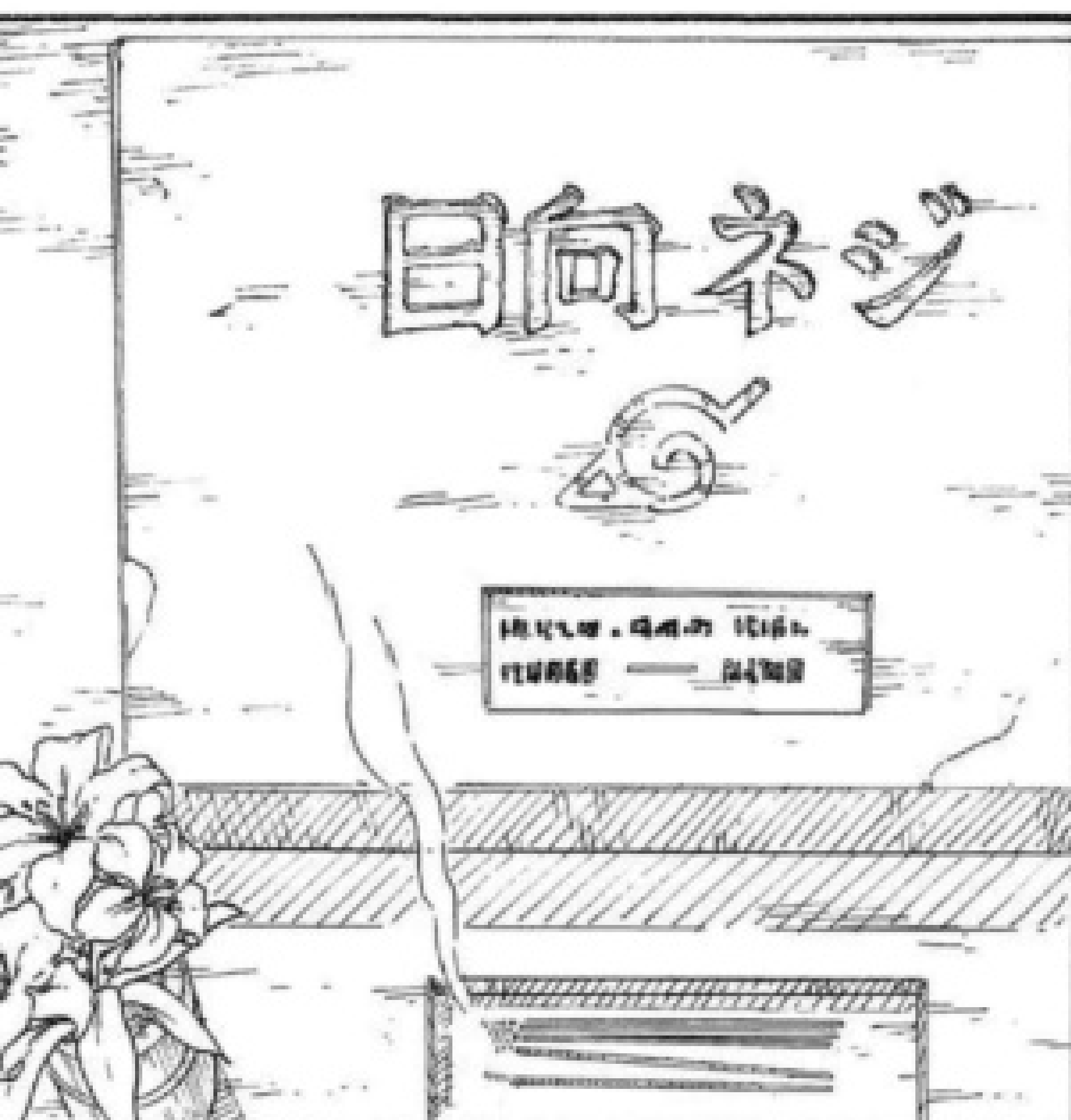


YOU
NEVER
CUT ME
OFF...



...BUT YOU
NEVER
STOPPED
CALLING
ME YOUR
FRIEND.

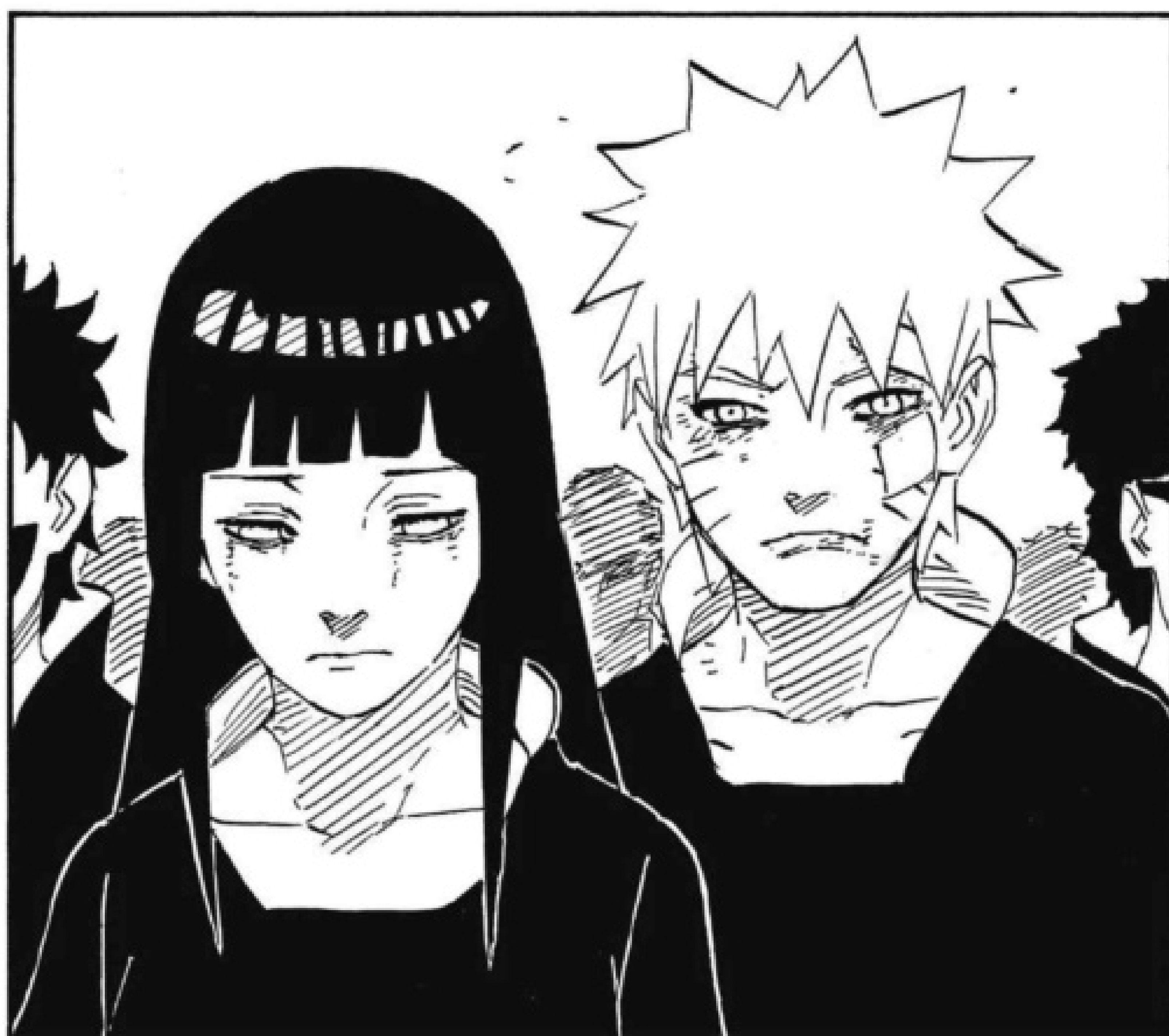
YOU
COULD'VE
JUSTIFIABLY
COME
CHARGING
AT ME WITH
HATRED...

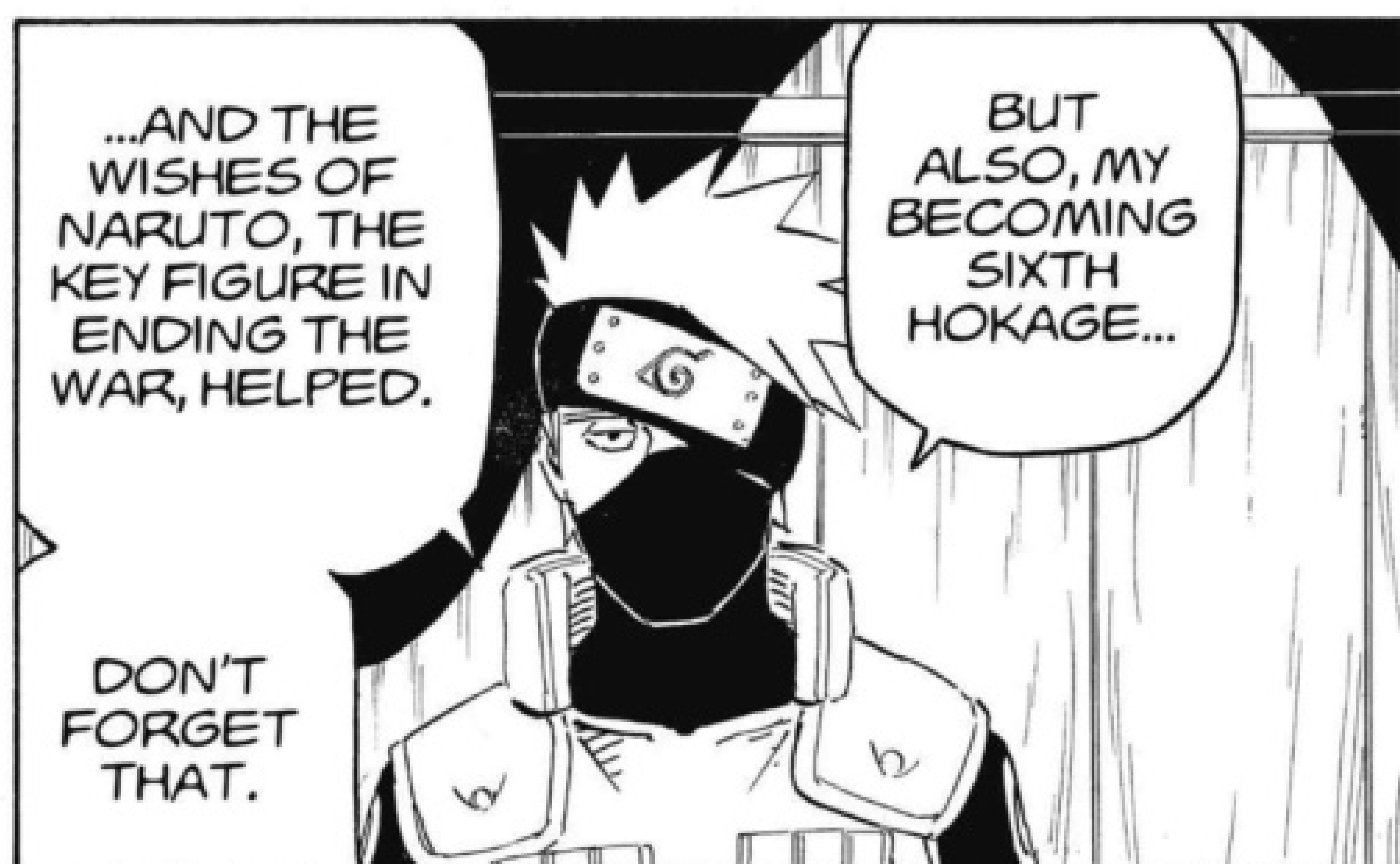


*GRAVE: HYUGA NEJI



EVEN
THOUGH I
TRIED TO
SEVER
THOSE
FEELINGS
MYSELF...







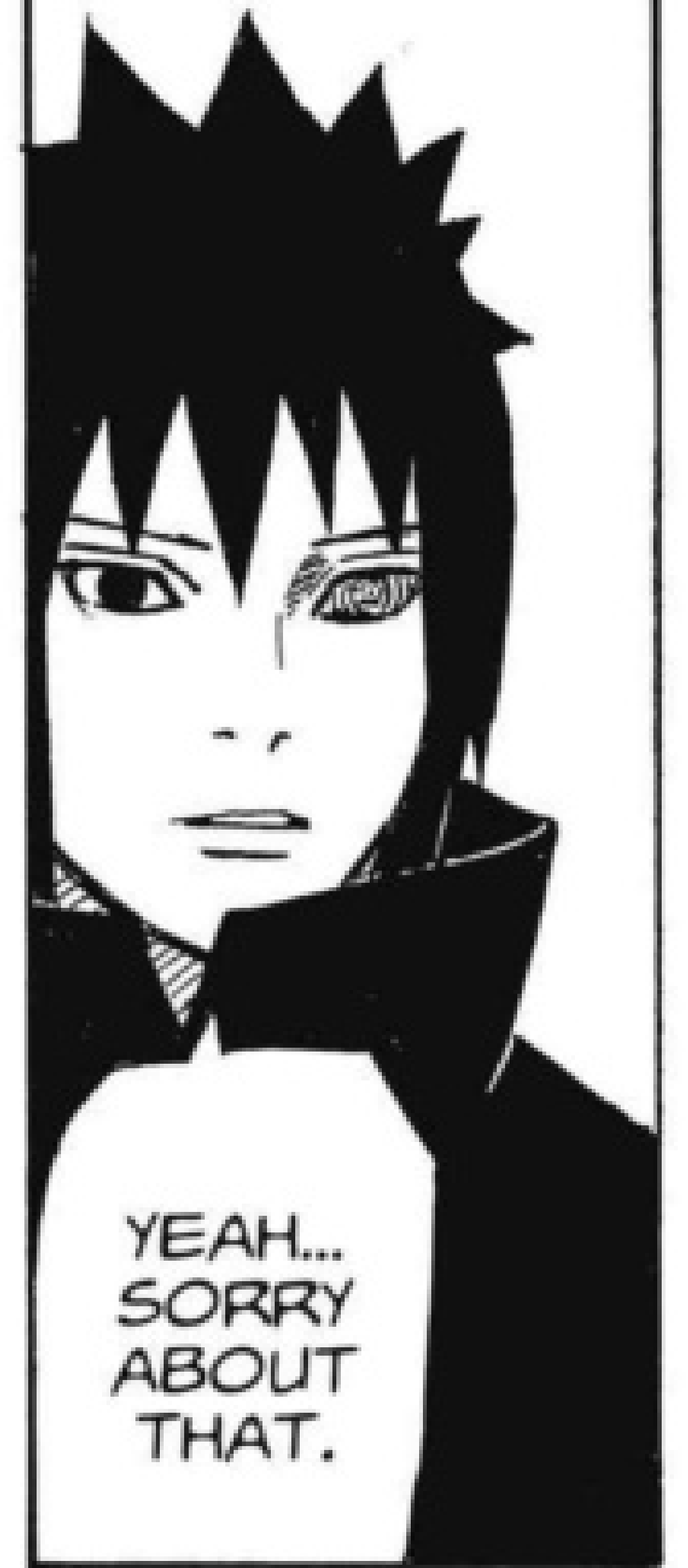
I WANT
TO KNOW
HOW THE
SHINOBI
WORLD...

...HOW THIS
WORLD,
LOOKS
TO THE
CURRENT
ME.



THE
ARTIFICIAL
HAND LADY
TSUNADE IS
CRAFTING
FROM LORD
HASHI-
RAMA'S
CELLS WILL
BE READY
SOON.

...
YOU
REALLY
INSIST ON
LEAVING?

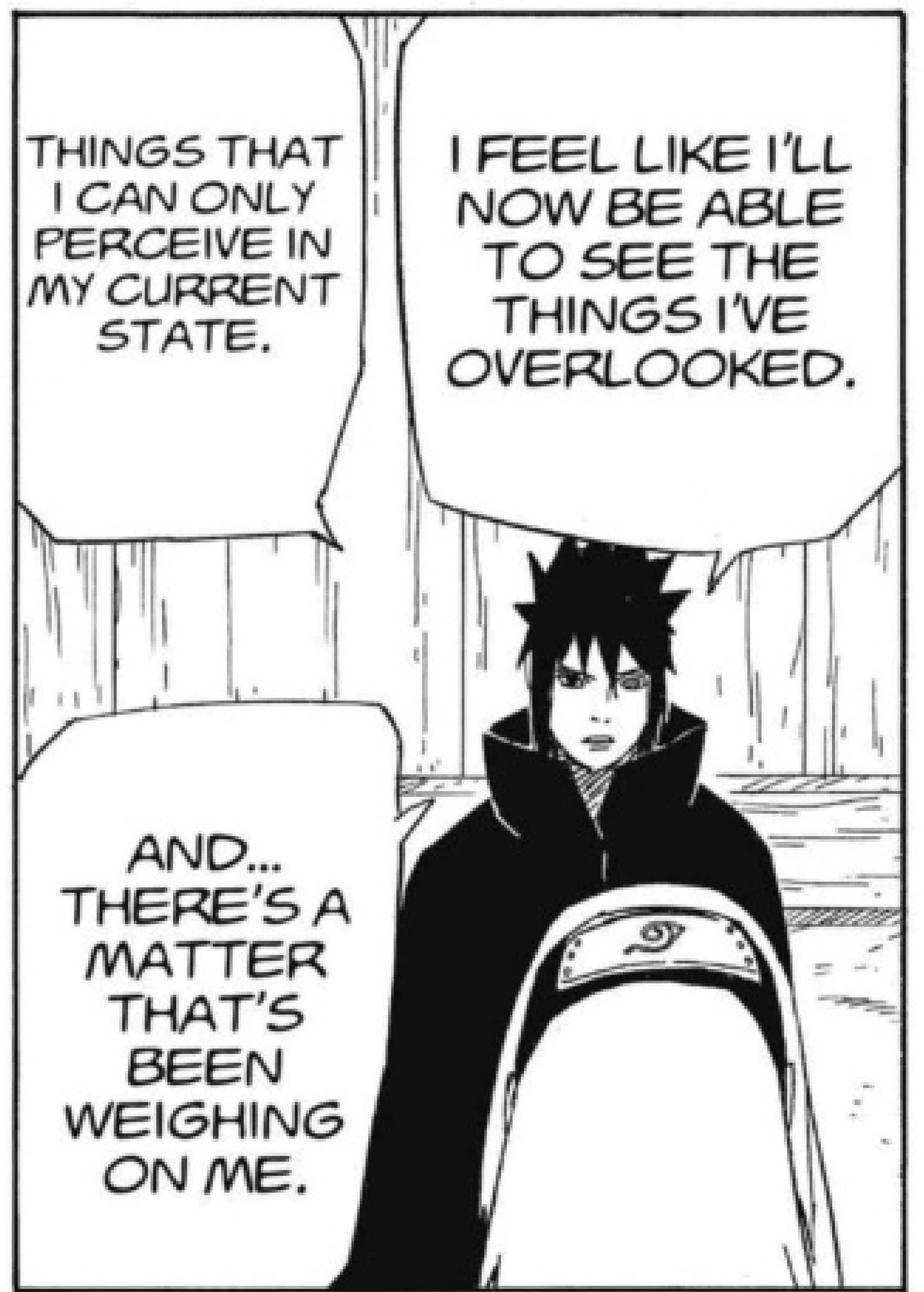


YEAH...
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



...I SAID I
WANTED
TO COME
WITH
YOU?

W-
WHAT
IF...



THINGS THAT
I CAN ONLY
PERCEIVE IN
MY CURRENT
STATE.

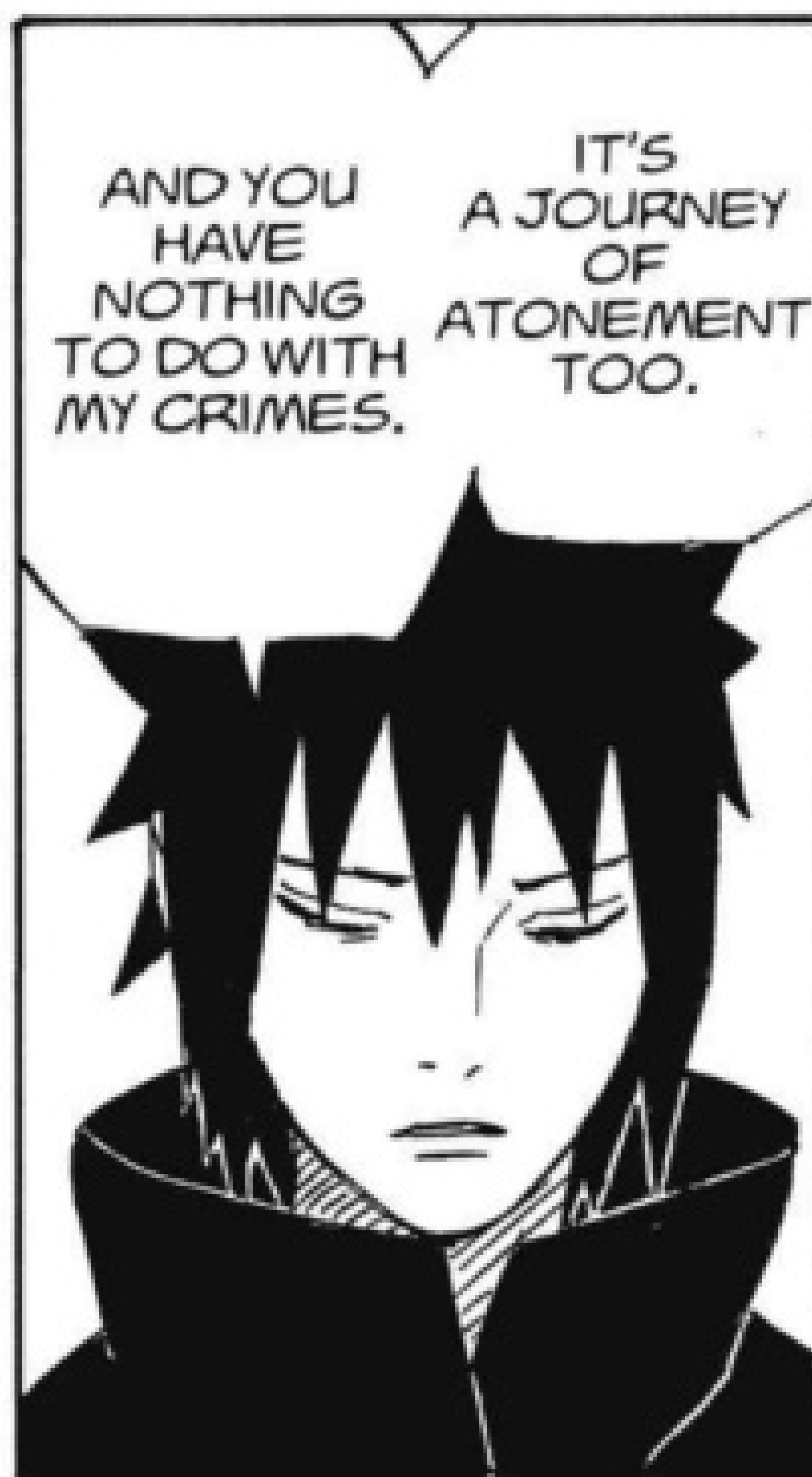
I FEEL LIKE I'LL
NOW BE ABLE
TO SEE THE
THINGS I'VE
OVERLOOKED.

AND...
THERE'S A
MATTER
THAT'S
BEEN
WEIGHING
ON ME.



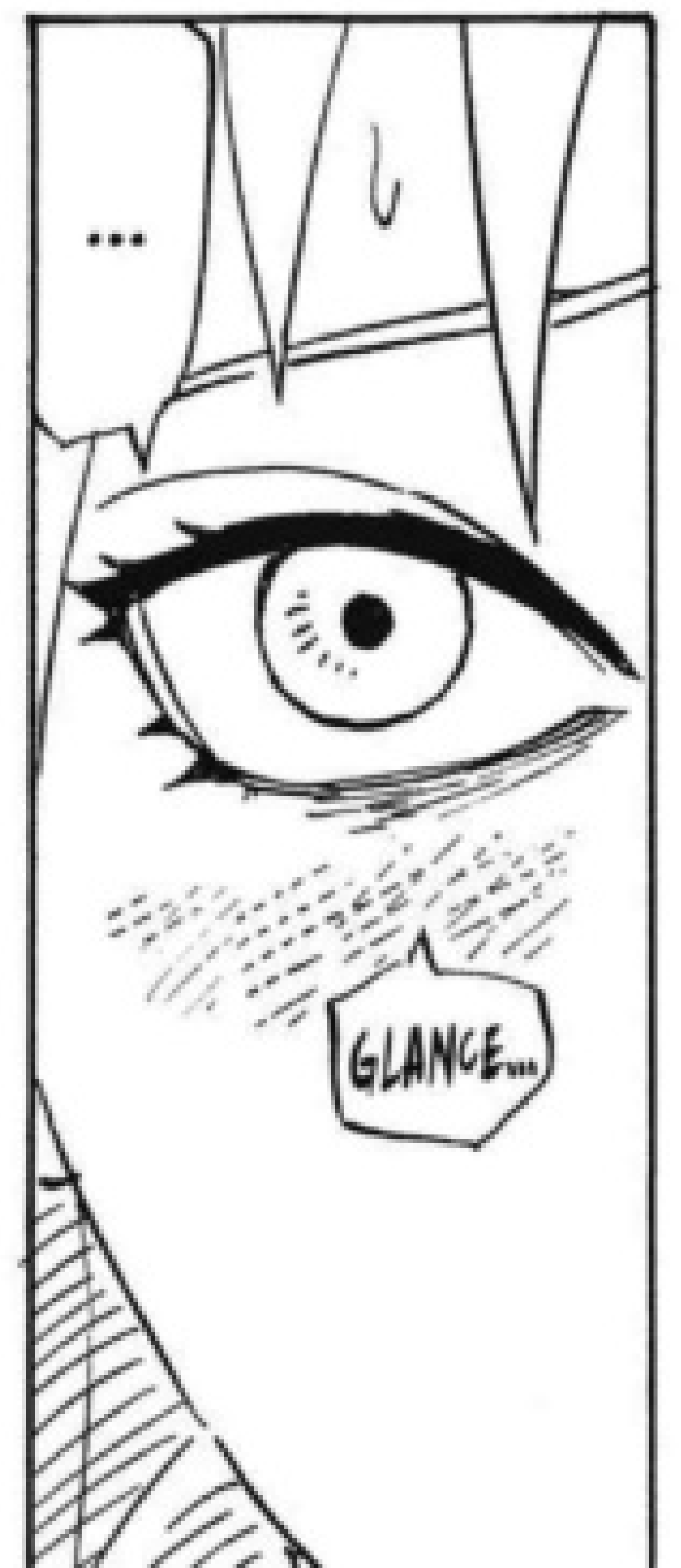
...
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH...
HUH...

SLUMP

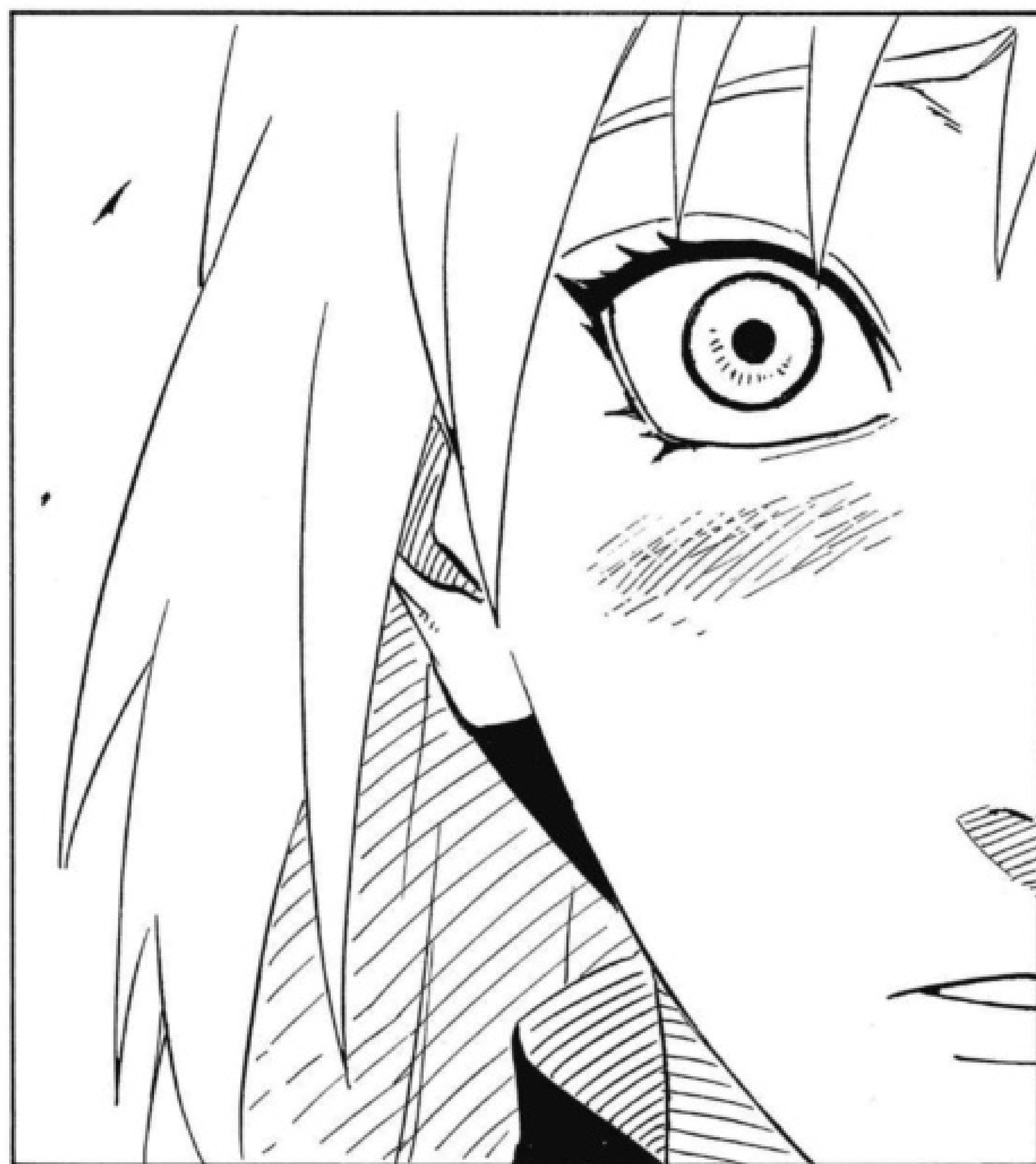


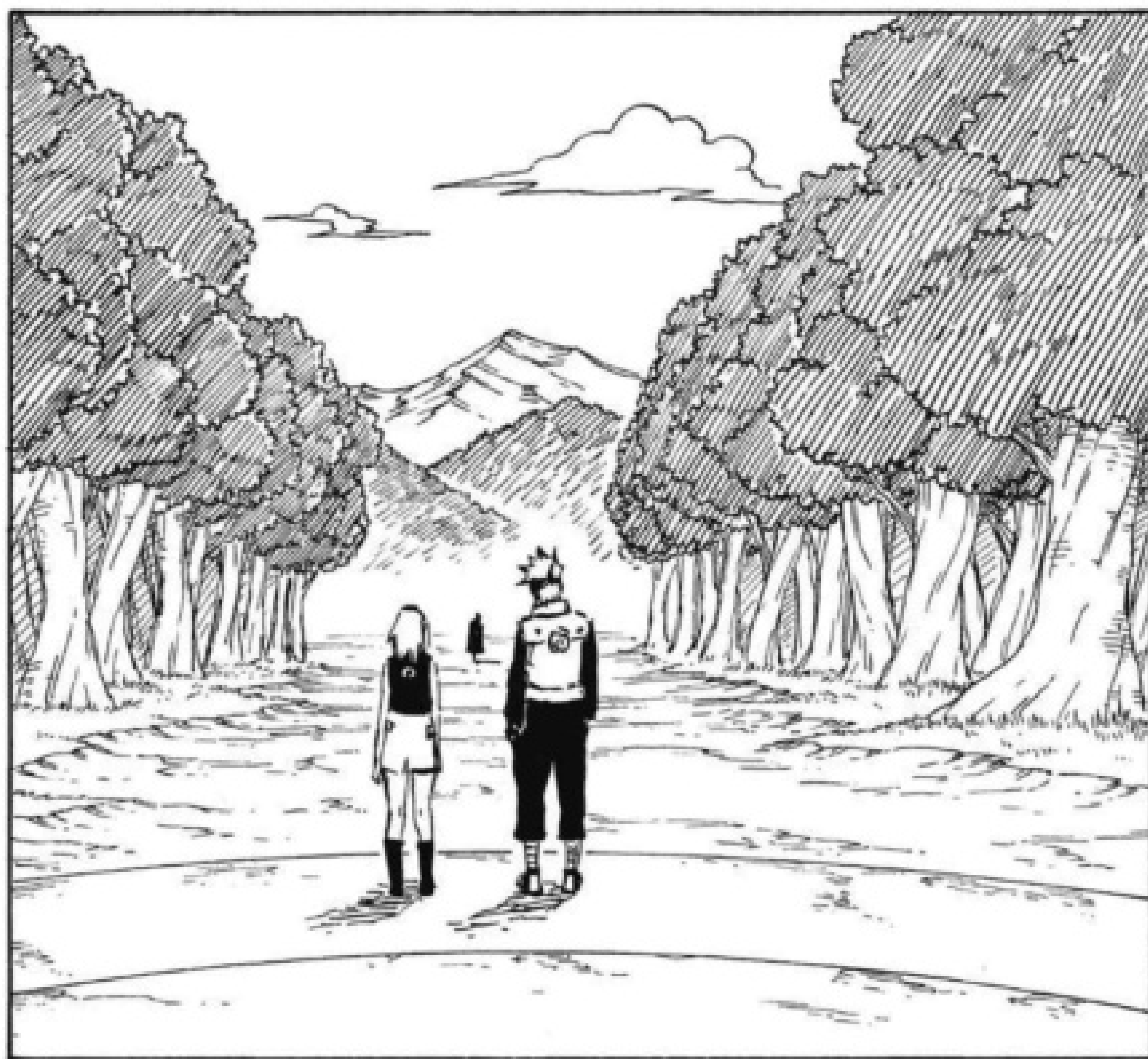
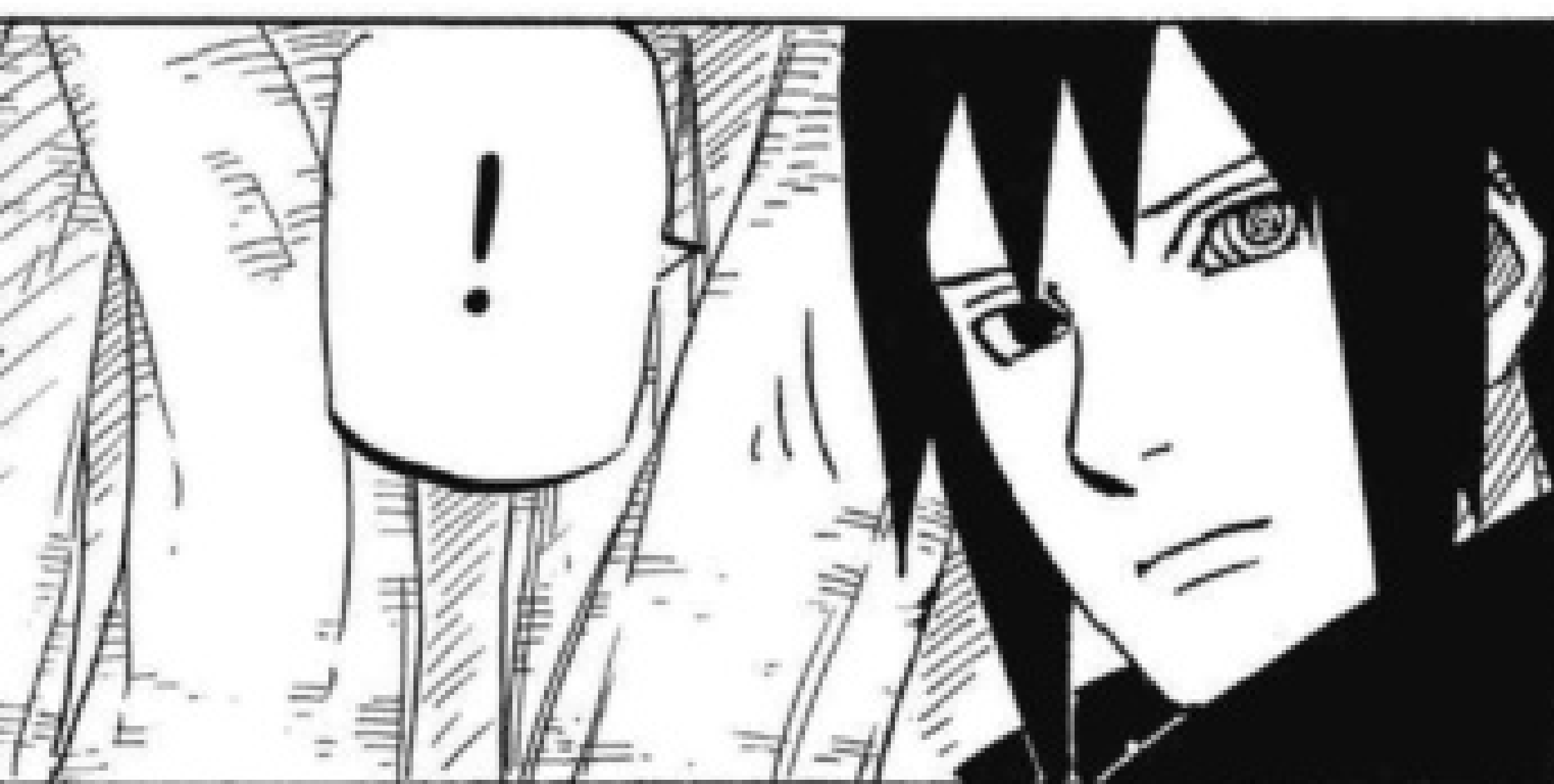
AND YOU
HAVE
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
MY CRIMES.

IT'S
A JOURNEY
OF
ATONEMENT
TOO.



...
GLANCE...







...AND NOW
WE'RE ABLE
TO **CLAIM**
EACH
OTHER'S
PAIN.

WE WERE
INSIGNI-
FICANT
LITTLE
THINGS WHO
USED TO
CLASH...

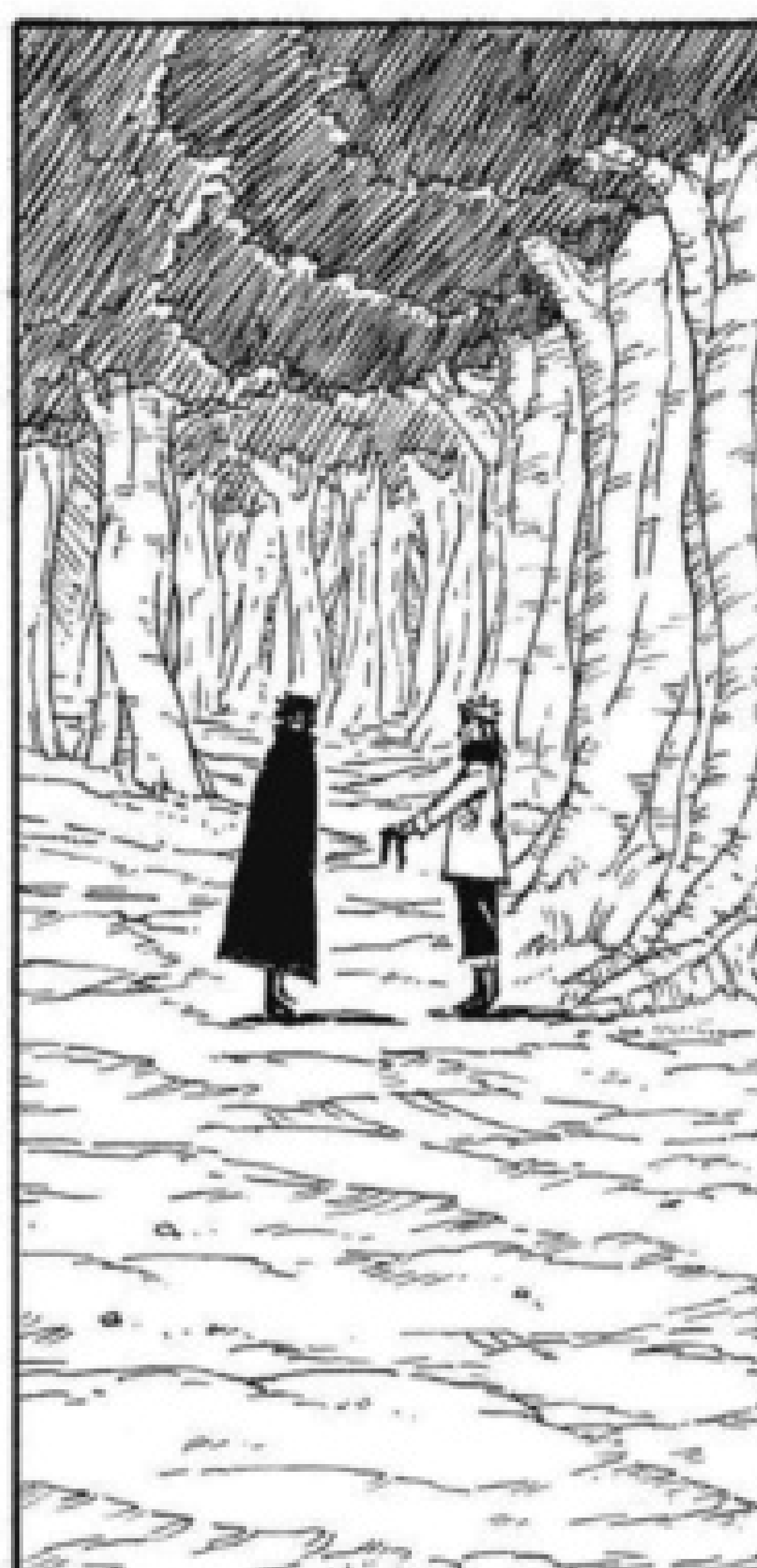


I NEVER
ASSUMED IT
WOULD BE
SIMPLE, JUST
LIKE IT WASN'T
WITH THE
TWO OF US.

BUT IT'S NOT
SOMETHING
THAT CAN
BE DONE AS
EASILY AS
YOU WERE
ABLE TO.

ESPECIALLY
WITH
SOMETHING
SO BIG.

SHF



...I BELIEVE
THIS
CONCEPT
CAN BE
APPLIED
TO EVEN
BIGGER
THINGS
THAN
JUST US.

AND
AFTER
SEEING
THE
WORLD
VIA MY
TRAVELS
...



SURE.
I'LL
HANG
ON TO
IT...

...UNTIL
WE HAVE
OUR **REAL**
FIGHT.



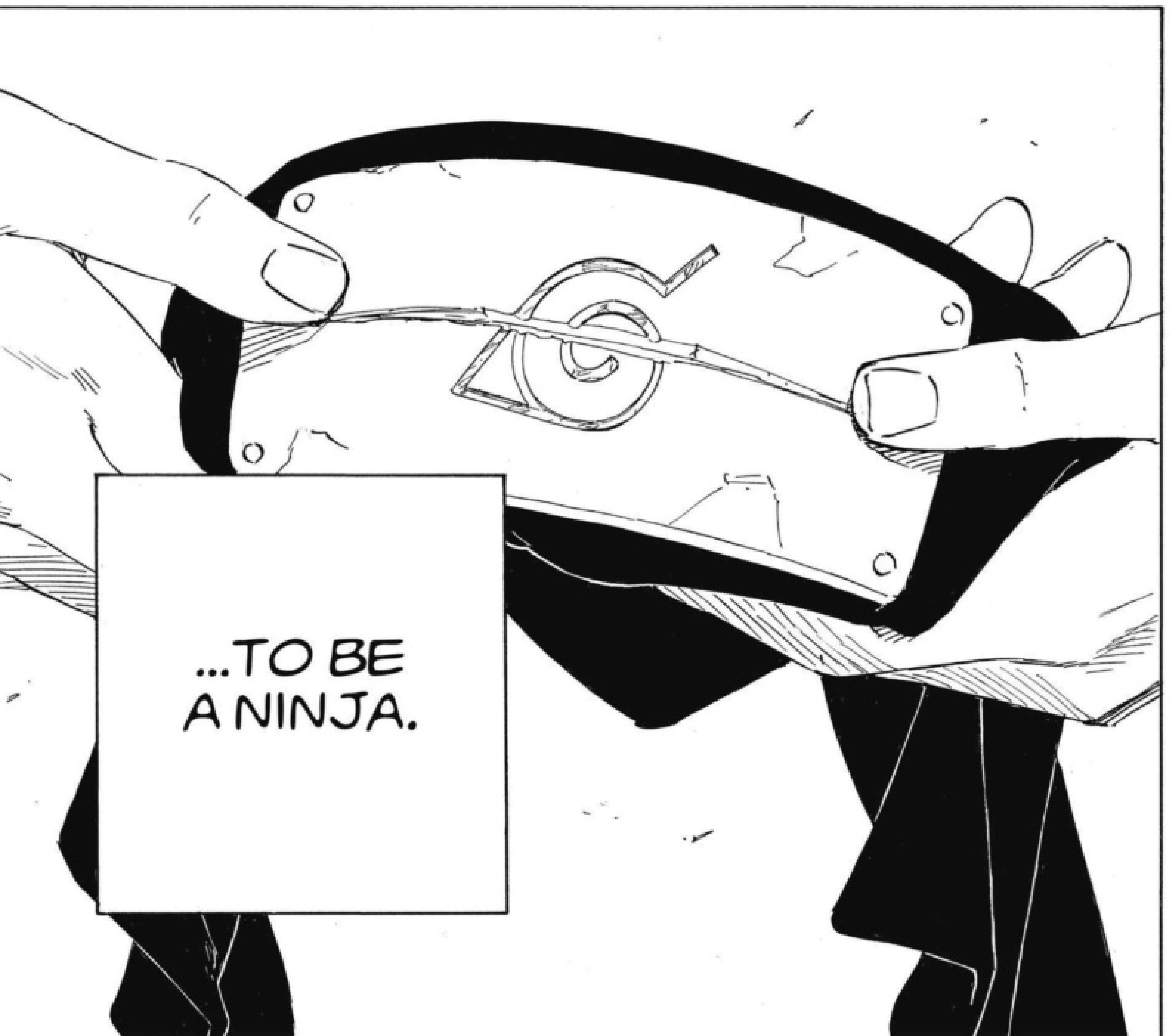
I'M
GIVING
THIS
BACK
TO YOU.



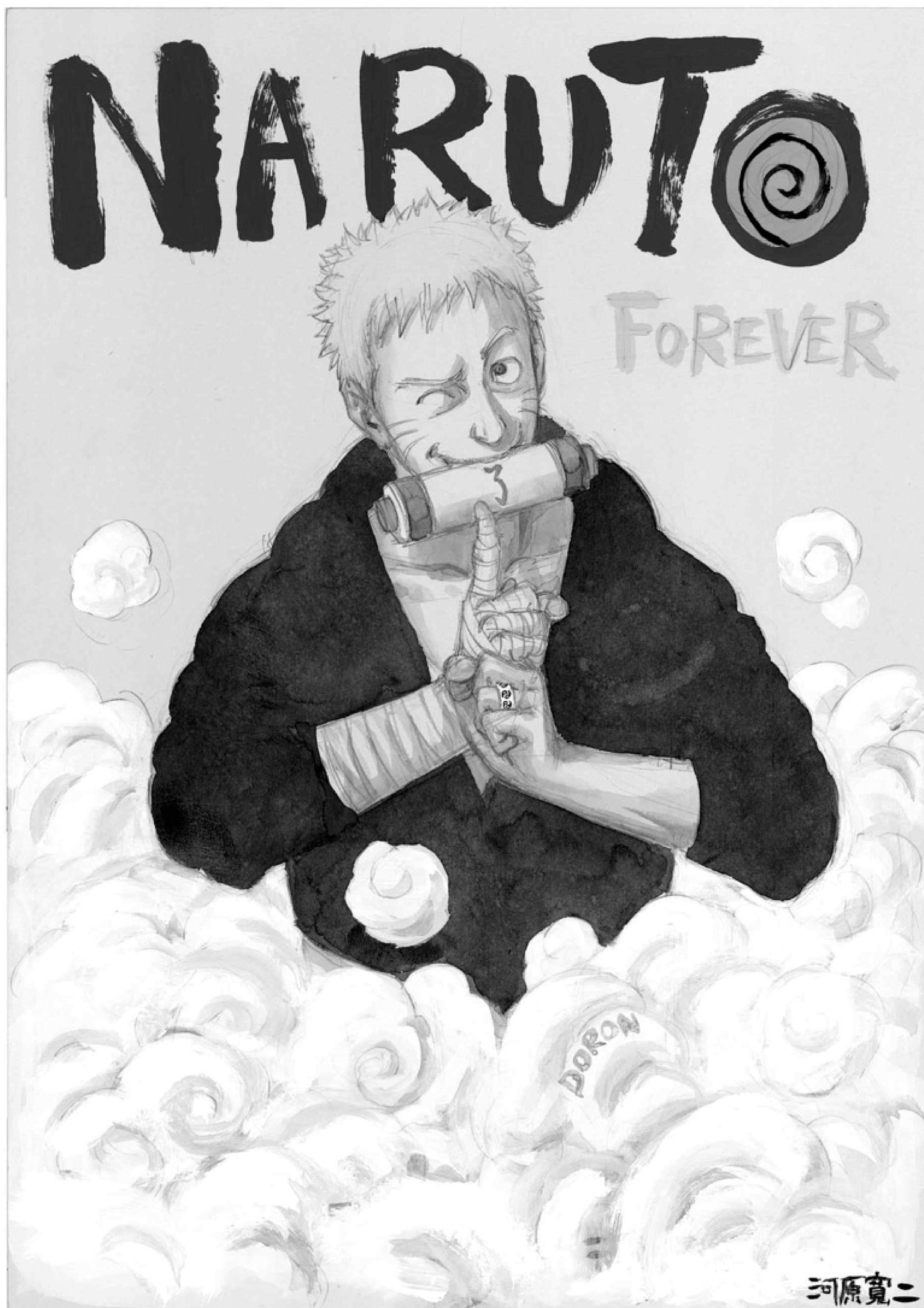
AND TO
THOSE
WHOM THAT
TASK FALLS
ON... PERHAPS
THAT'S WHAT
IT MEANS...

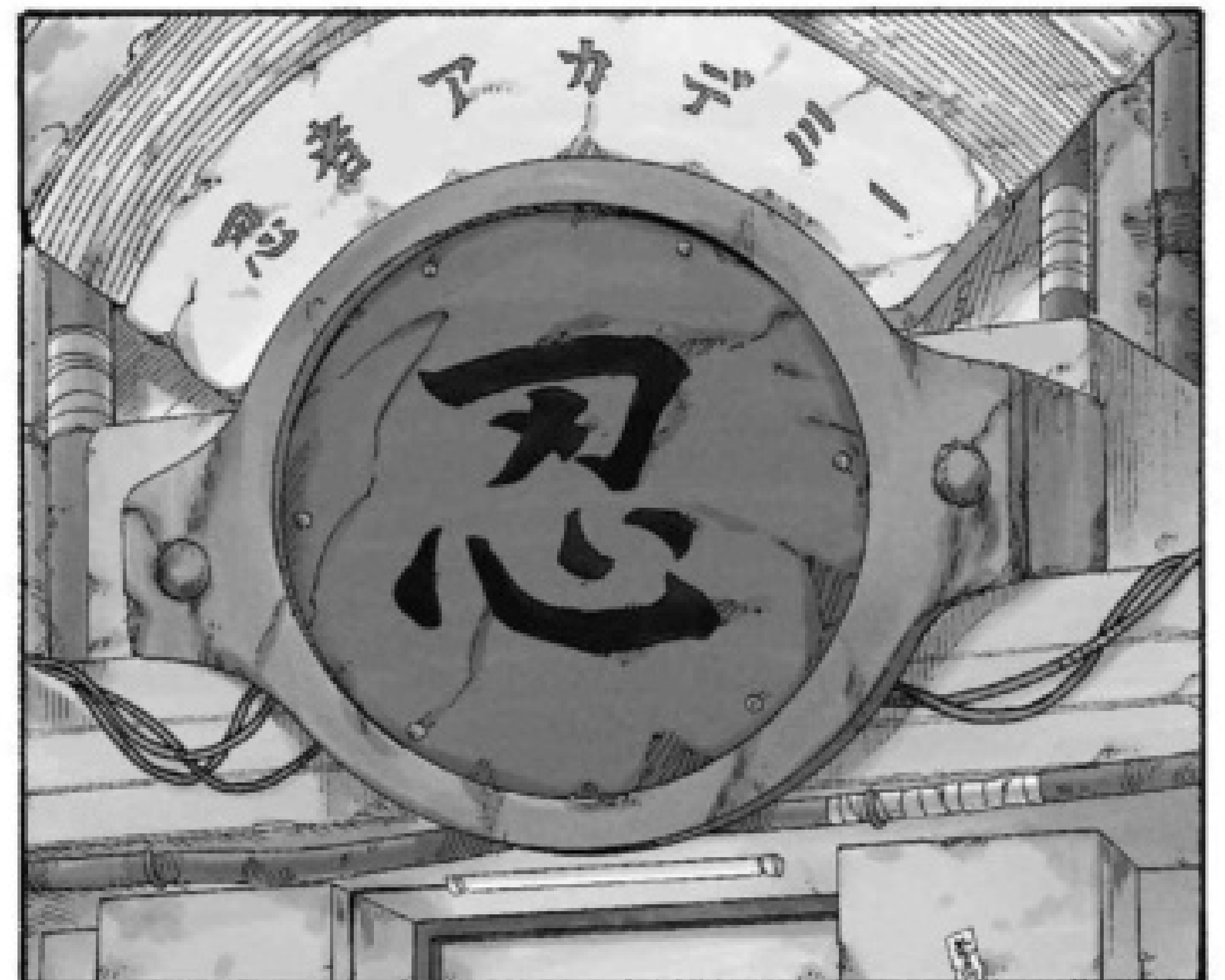
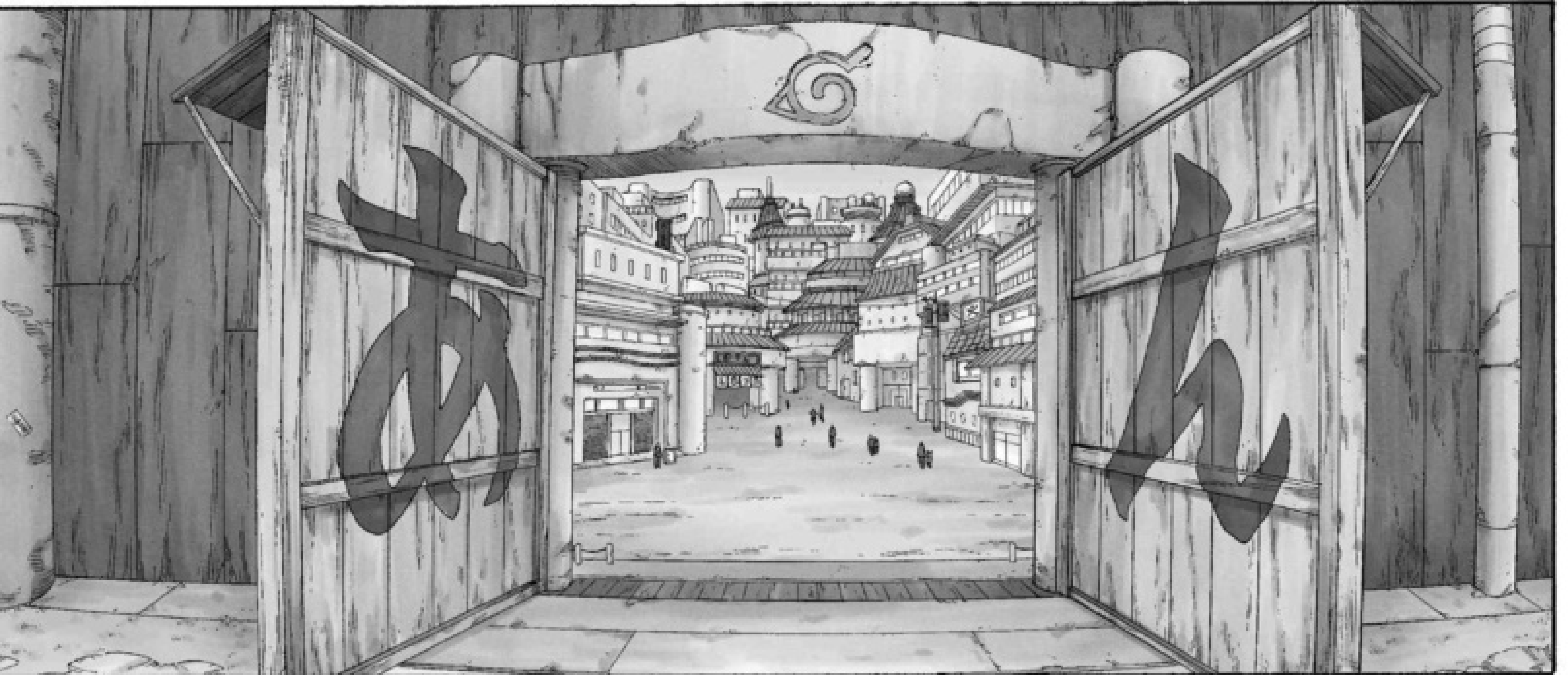
TO KEEP
ENDURING
UNTIL IT
COMES
TO BE, NO
MATTER
WHAT.

IT'S KIND
OF LIKE A
PRAYER.



...TO BE
A NINJA.





*SIGN: NINJA ACADEMY







OH!
GOTTA
PASS ON
THAT.

I HAVE
PLANS
WITH
MASTER
ANKO
TODAY...

NO
WAY, HE
CAN'T
GO!

MA SAID WE
WERE TO DO
INO-SHIKA-
CHO TRAINING
AFTER
SCHOOL
TODAY.



LATER!

SO I'M
PLUMP.
SUE
ME.

HOLD
UP,
CHUBS!

SO YOU
COME
TOO,
INOJIN!
THERE
GOES
THE
LESSON!



OH!
MASTER
ANKO!
♡

FSH...

CHO-CHO! WE'LL
GO TO THE DANGO
SWEETS SHOP FIRST,
THEN GET SOME
SYRUP-COVERED RED
BEAN JAM, OKAY?
♡

*GRAVE: HYUGA NEJI



KLAK



SIGH...

PRANKS AND
TRAINING ARE
BOTH A PAIN IN
THE BUTT...



NEXT TIME,
JUST ME
AND BIG BRO
CAN COME.

HEH
HEH...



OF
COURSE.

MAMA,
DO YOU
THINK
UNCLE
WILL BE
PLEASED
BY THEM?

THEY'RE
SUNFLOWERS,
JUST LIKE
YOUR NAME,
HIMAWARI.



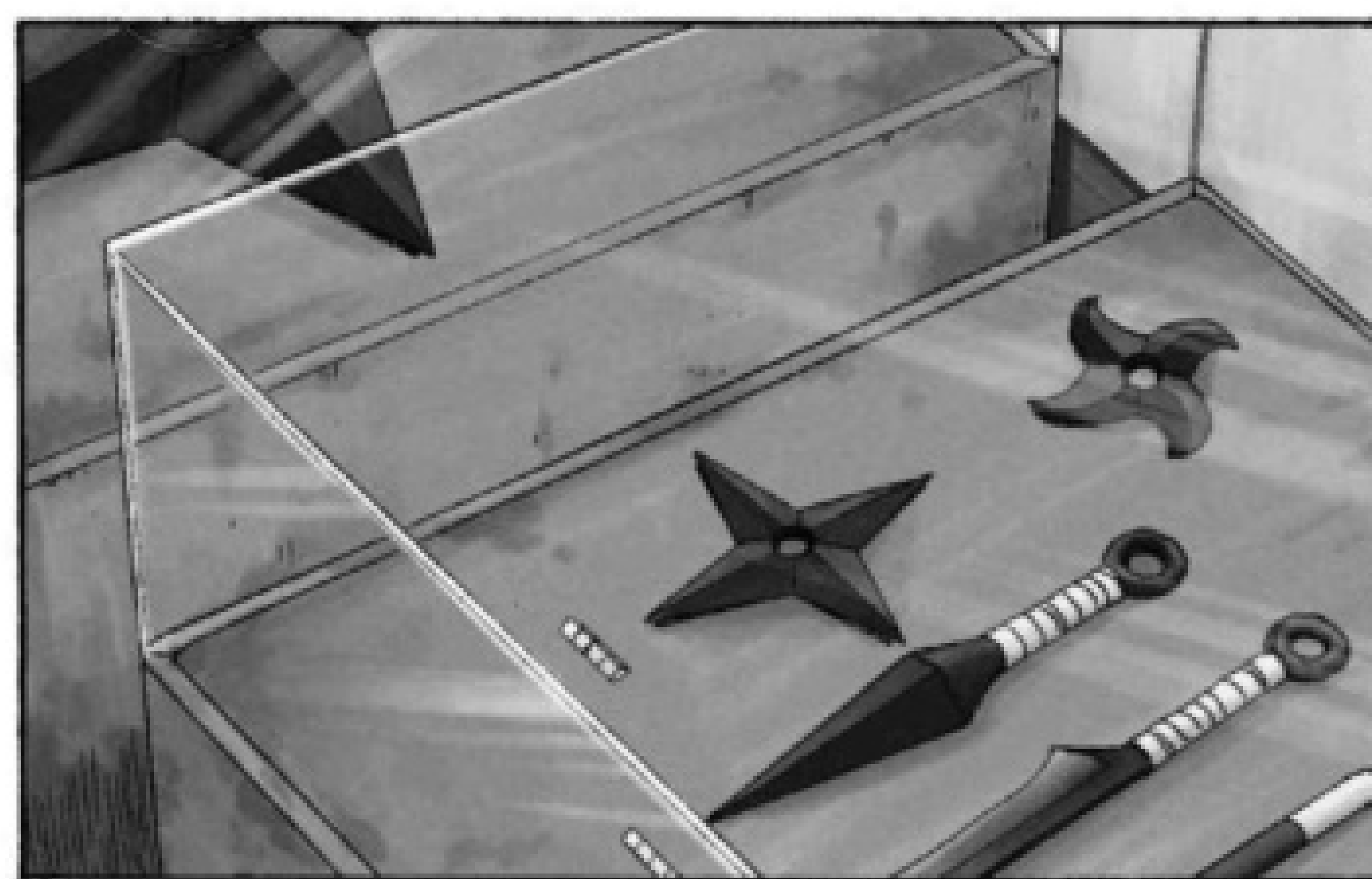
THREE
THOUSAND
FOUR
HUNDRED
FIVE!

SHUP



YOUTH
LIVES!!

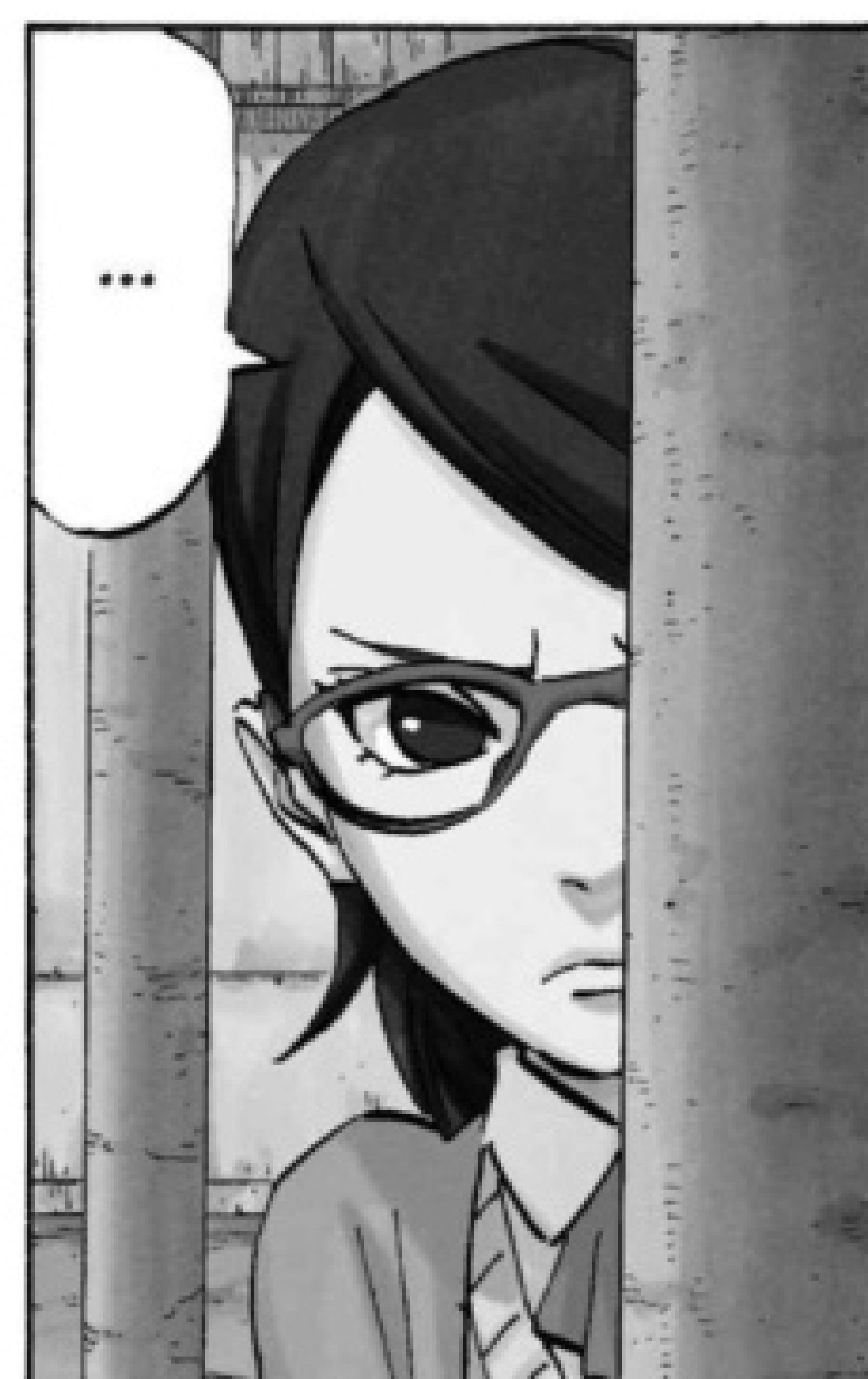
YEAH
!!



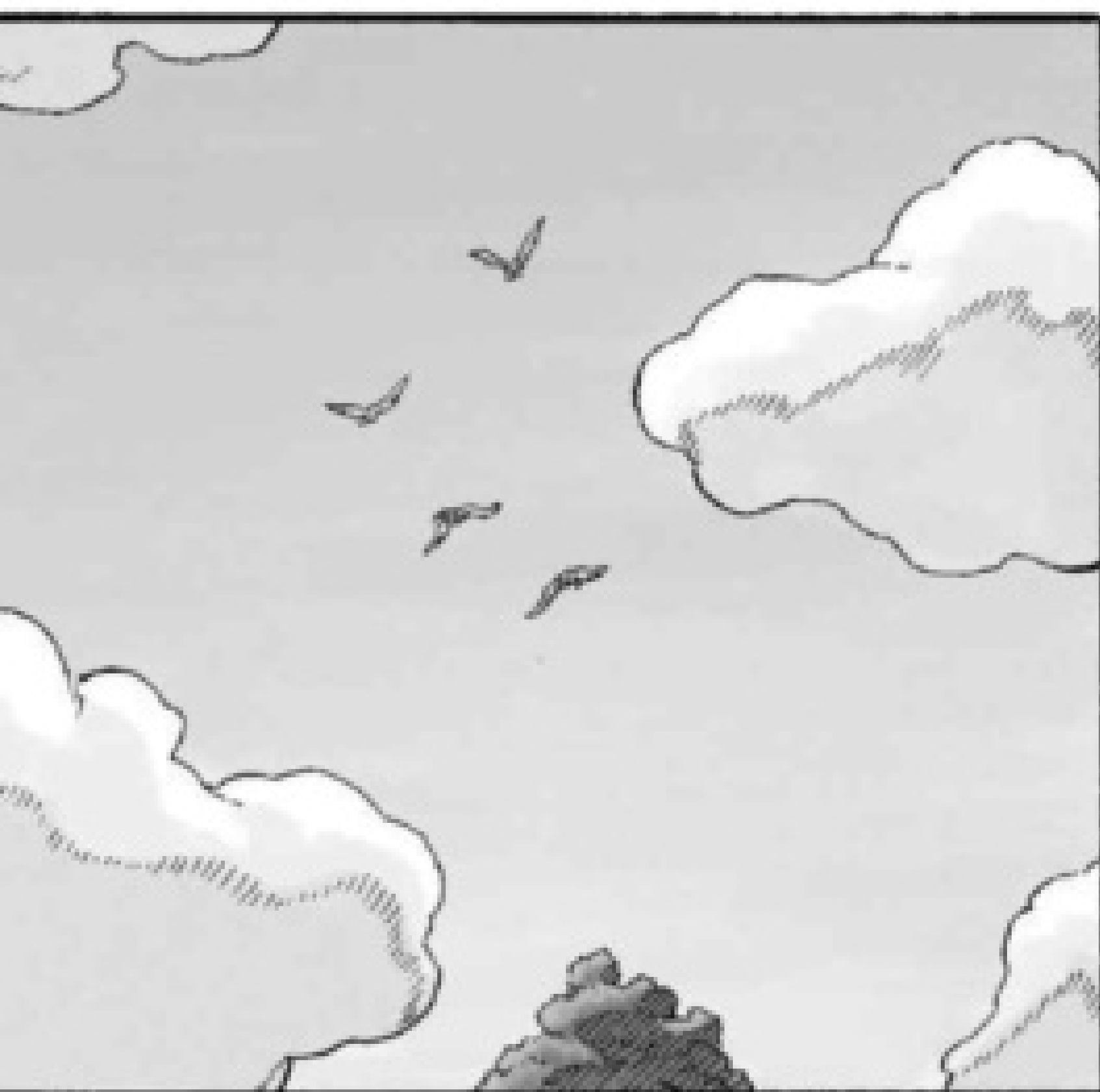
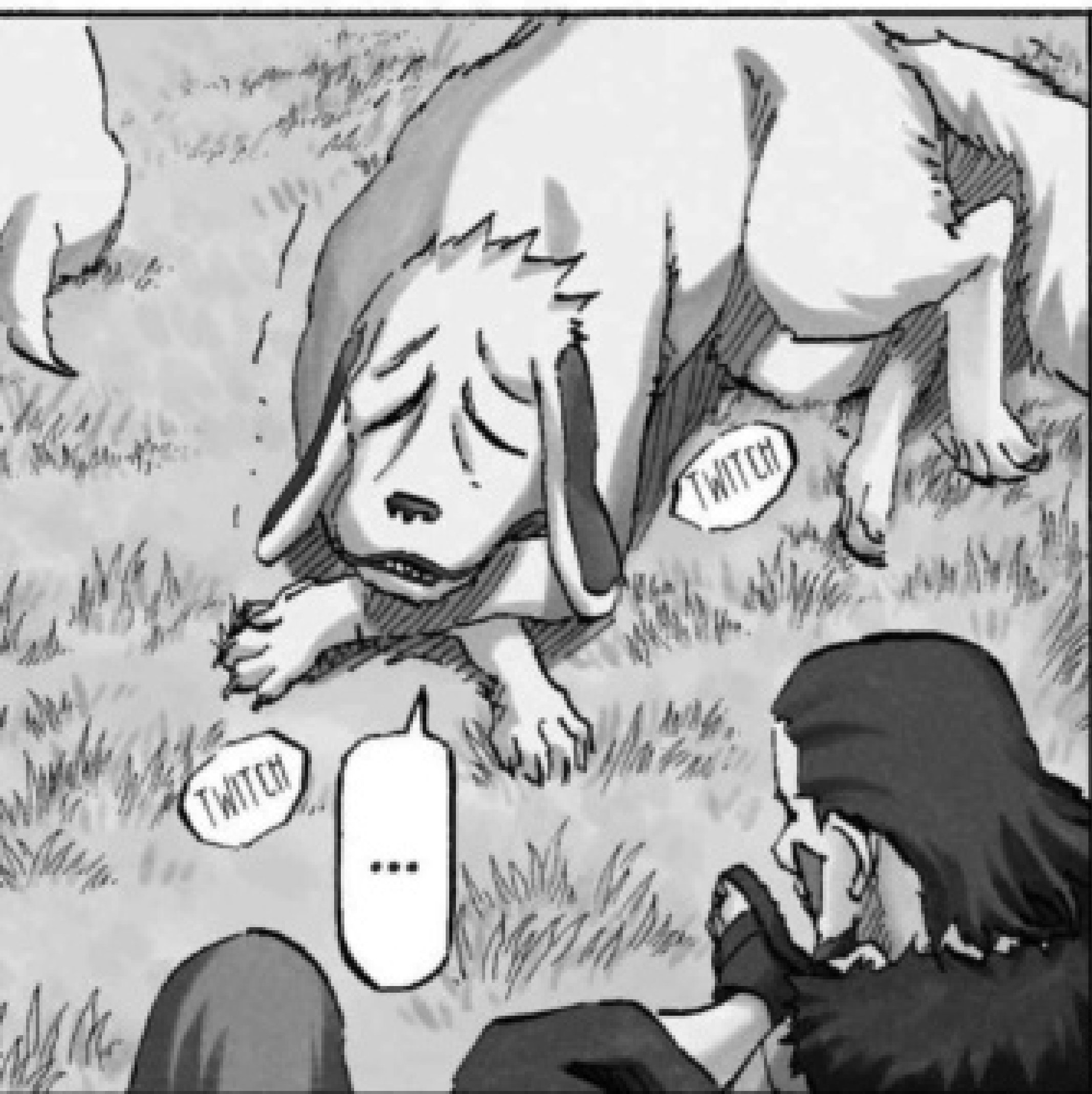
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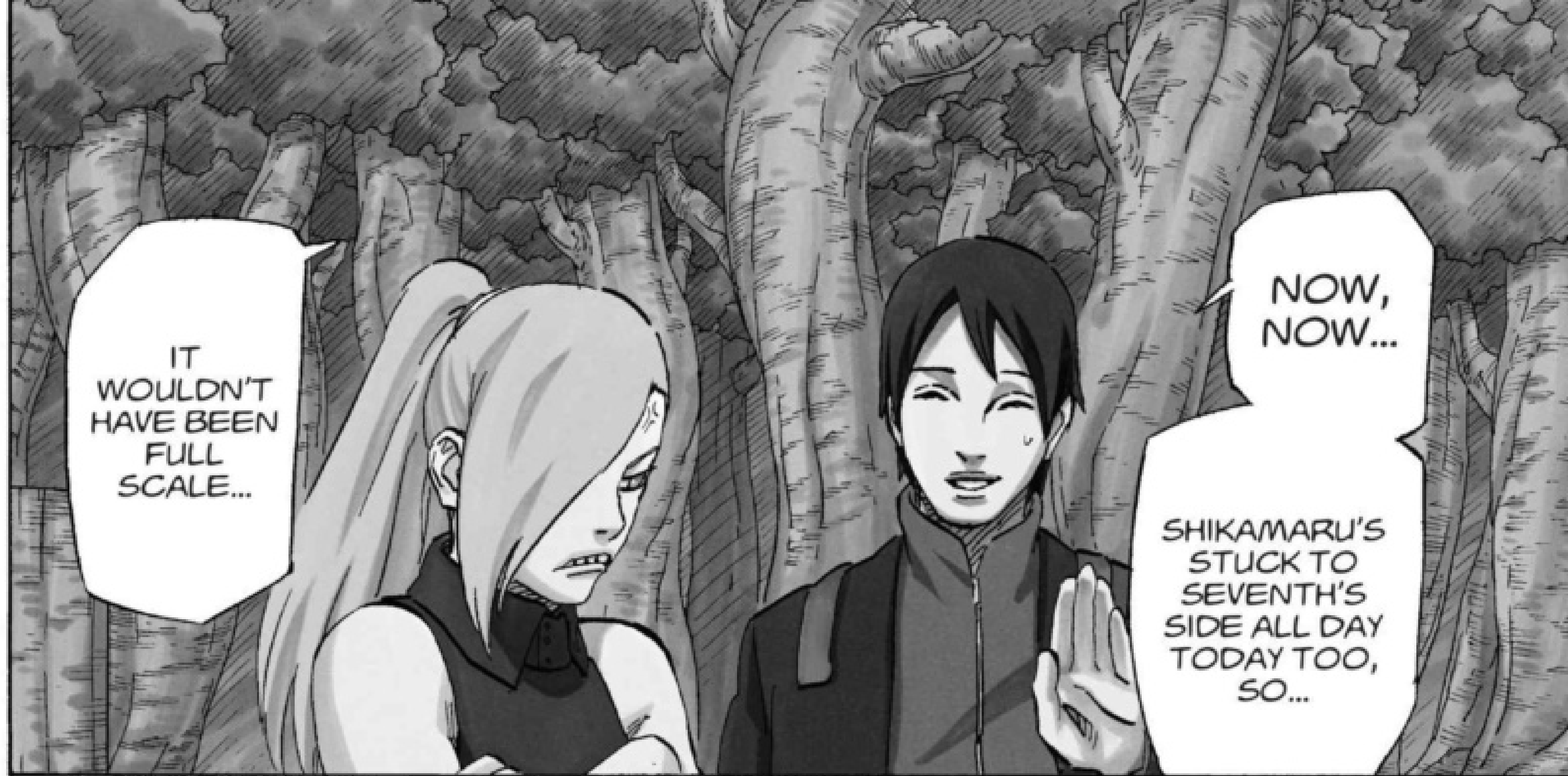


*SIGN: NINJA TOOLS TEN³









IT
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
FULL
SCALE...

NOW,
NOW...

SHIKAMARU'S
STUCK TO
SEVENTH'S
SIDE ALL DAY
TODAY TOO,
SO...



MM...
BUT
YOU
SEE...

RIGHT,
DEAR?

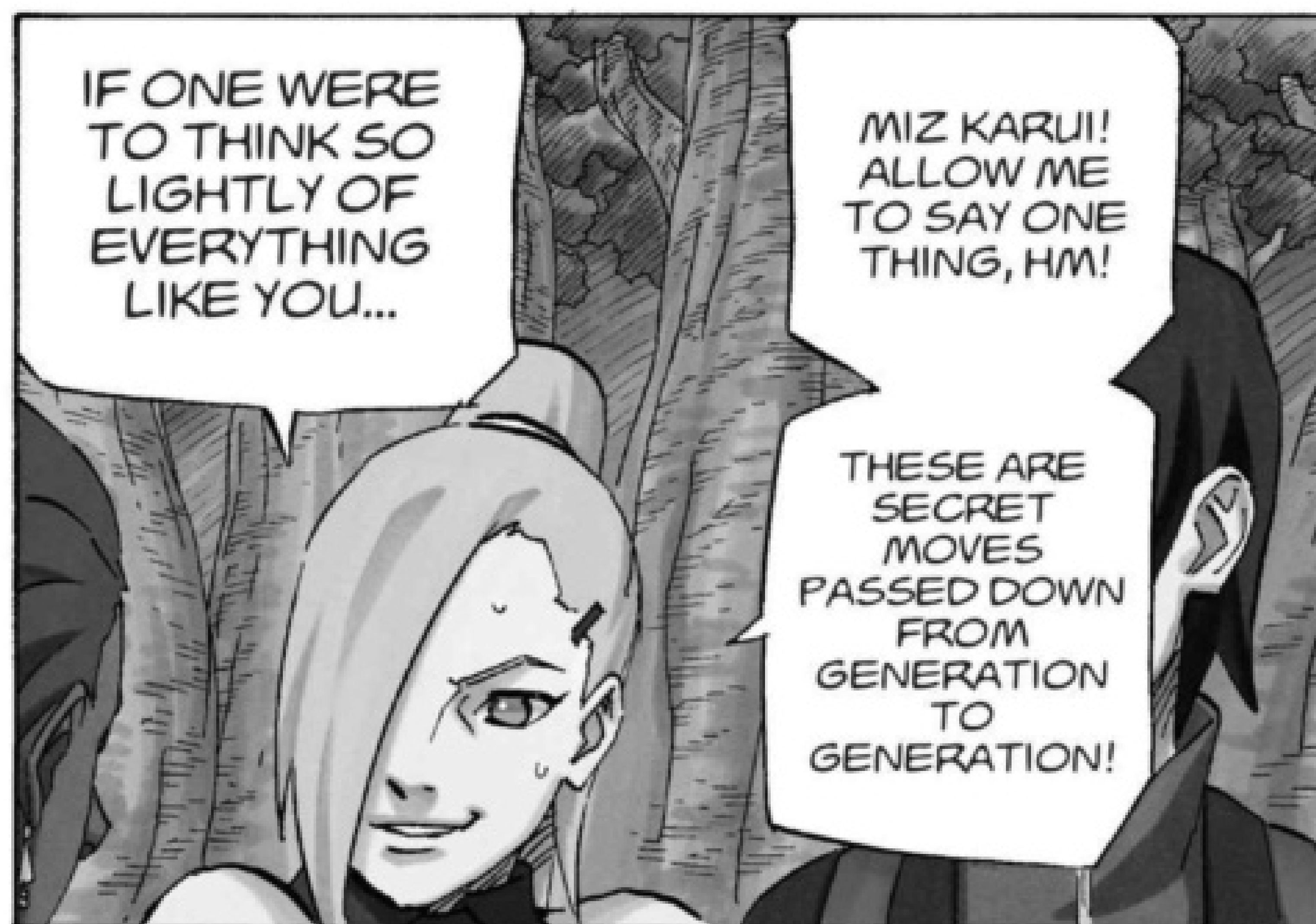
IS IT REALLY
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THEM THE
COMBINATION
ATTACKS
ANYWAY?

IT'S NOT
LIKE WHEN
WE WERE
GROWING UP,
AND MY GIRL
ISN'T REALLY
THE TYPE...



I CAN'T
SHOW UP
WITHOUT
THE OTHER
TWO IN TOW.

MOM'S
TOTALLY
FLIPPING OUT,
JUST LIKE I
FIGURED.

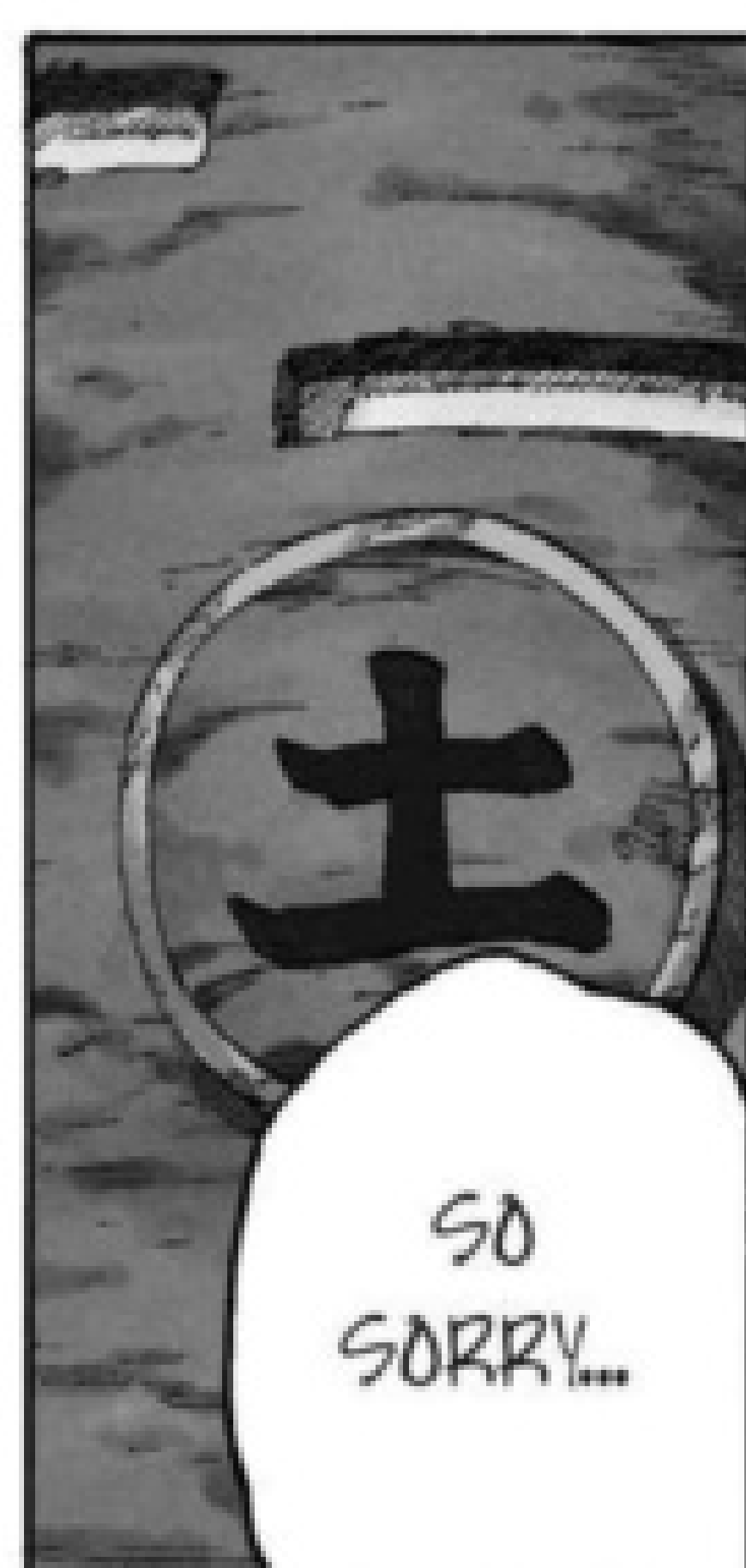


IF ONE WERE
TO THINK SO
LIGHTLY OF
EVERYTHING
LIKE YOU...

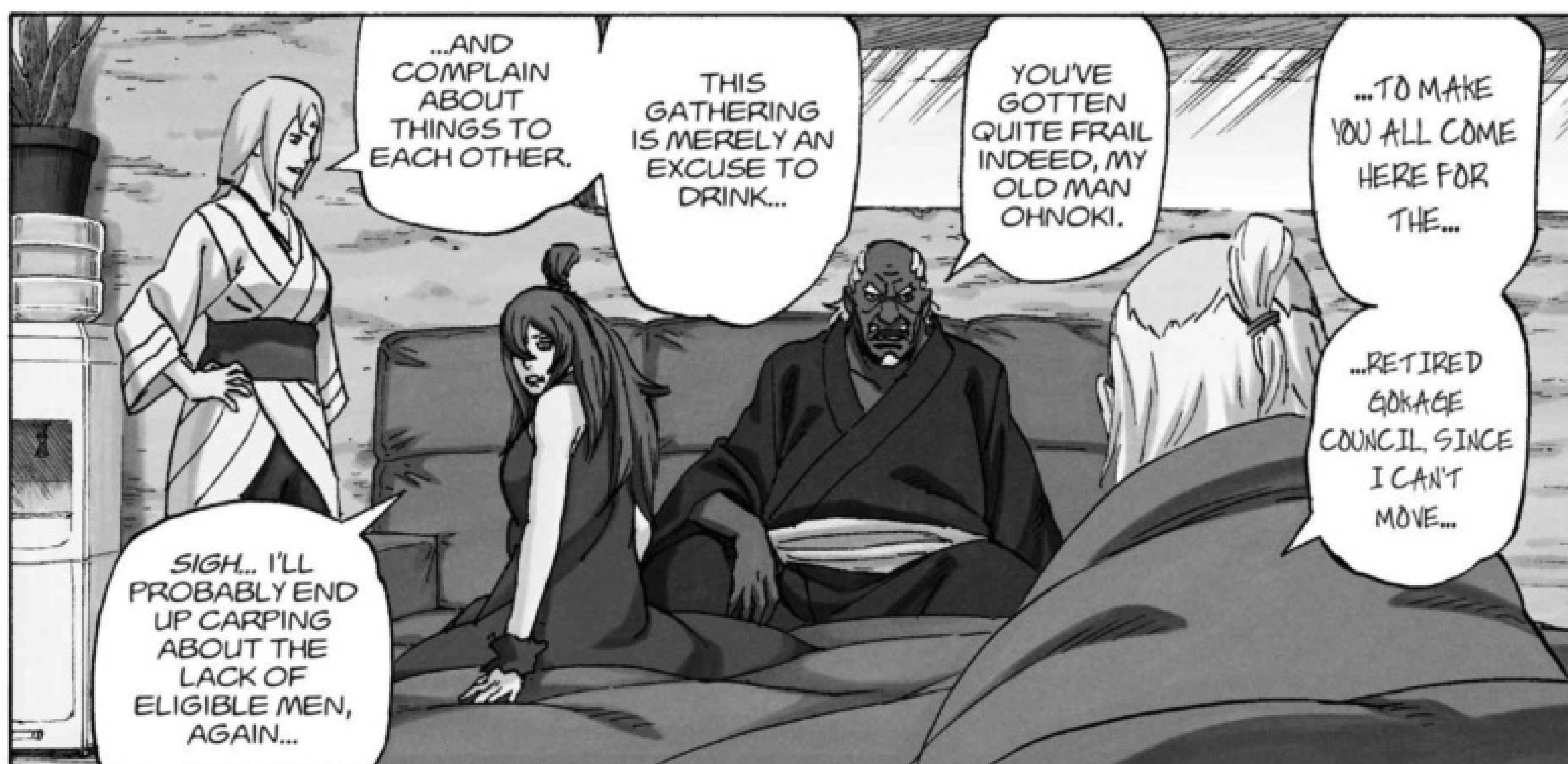
MIZ KARUI!
ALLOW ME
TO SAY ONE
THING, HM!

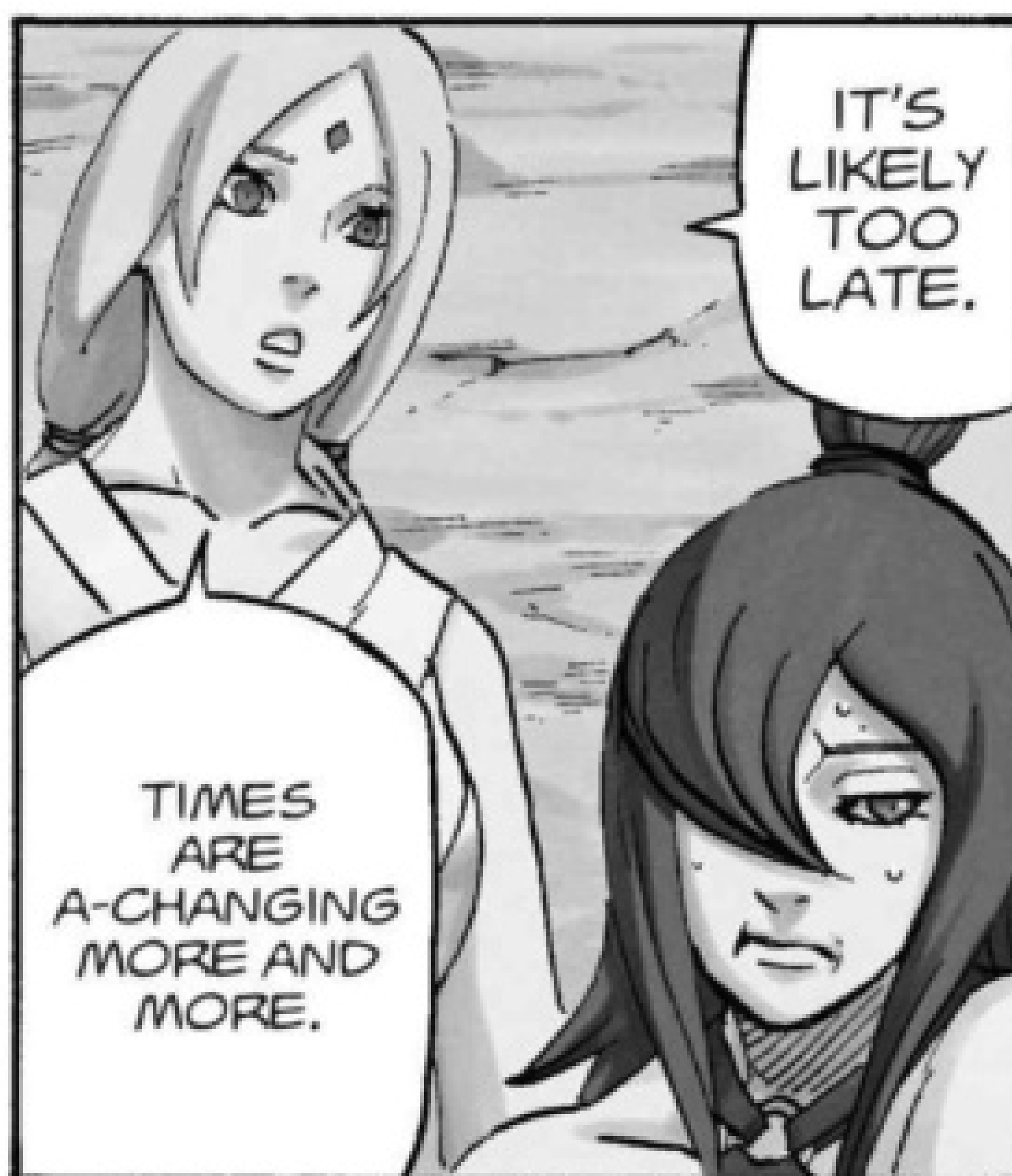
THESE ARE
SECRET
MOVES
PASSED DOWN
FROM
GENERATION
TO
GENERATION!



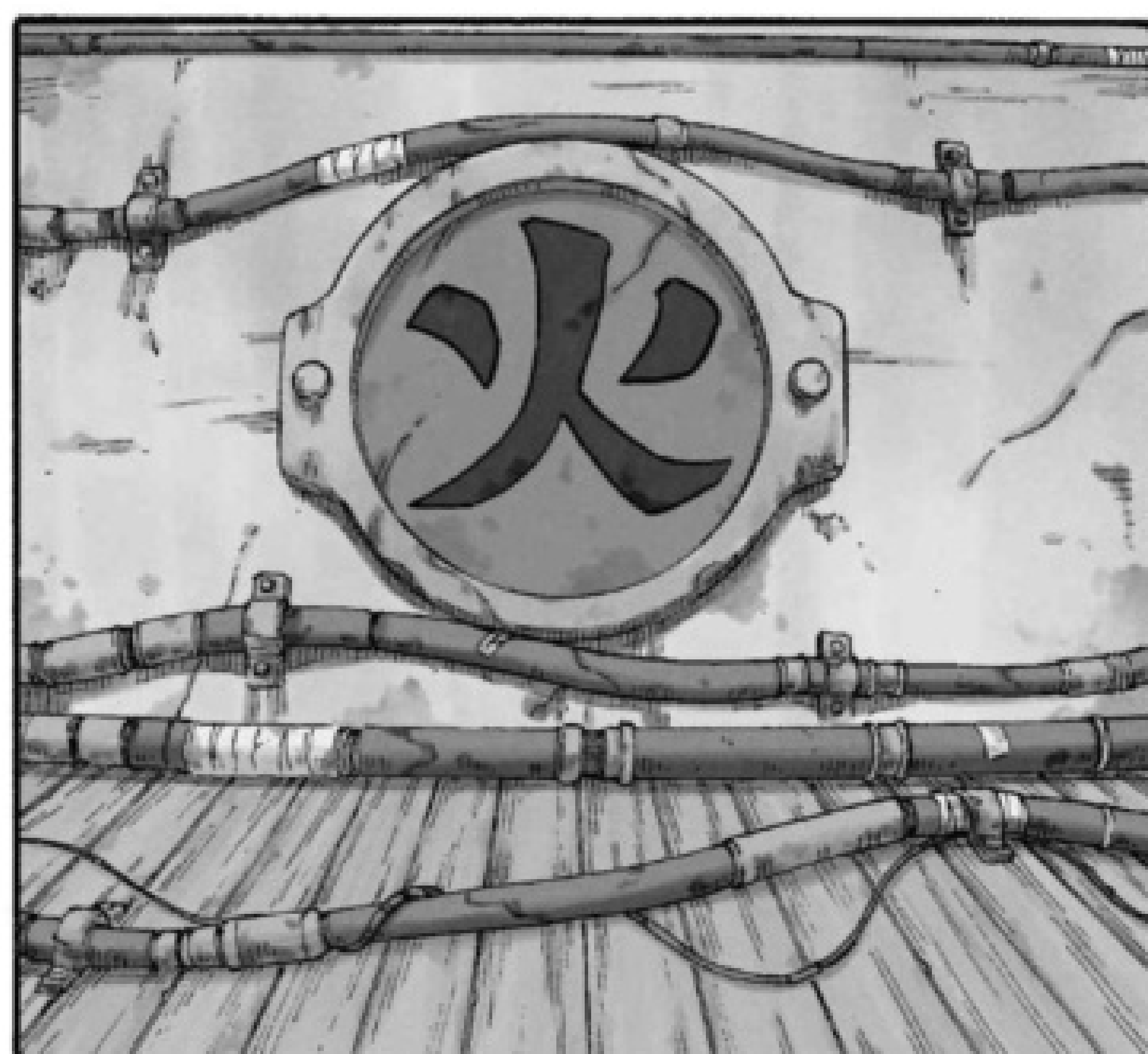


*SIGN: EARTH

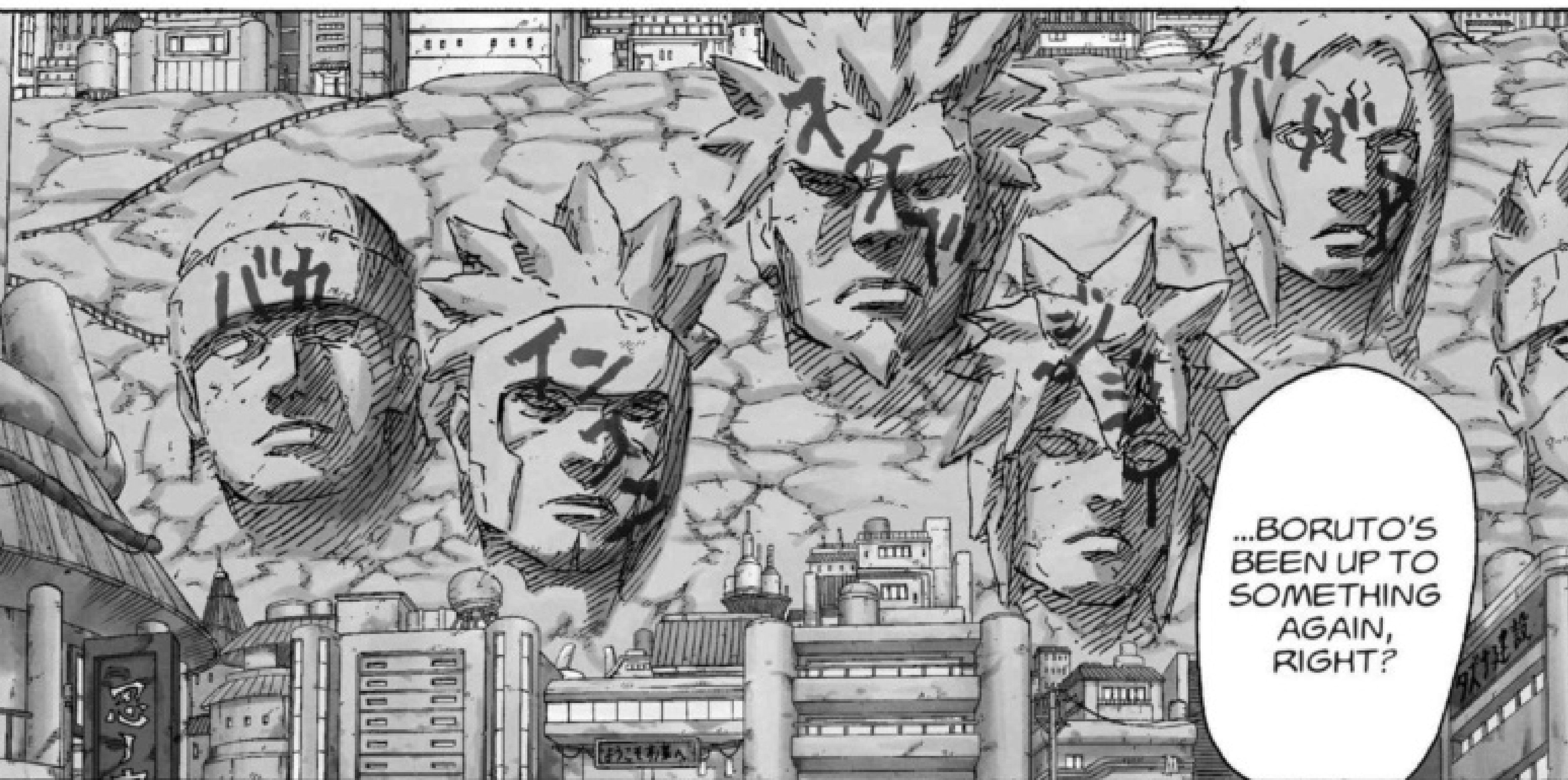




*SIGN: FIRE







*IDIOT

*WIENER

*LECH

*GEEZER

*HAG



PA SHOULD
BE GETTING
HERE ANY
MINUTE!

HEH
HEH!

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AB



...THE
HOKAGE
!!!

HATE...







THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I CAN'T BE PA JUST TO YOU.

BORU-TO...

ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE ARE LIKE FAMILY TO ME NOW.



I REALIZE IT MIGHT BE PAINFUL FOR YOU...

...BUT YOU GOTTA START LEARNING TO ENDURE...



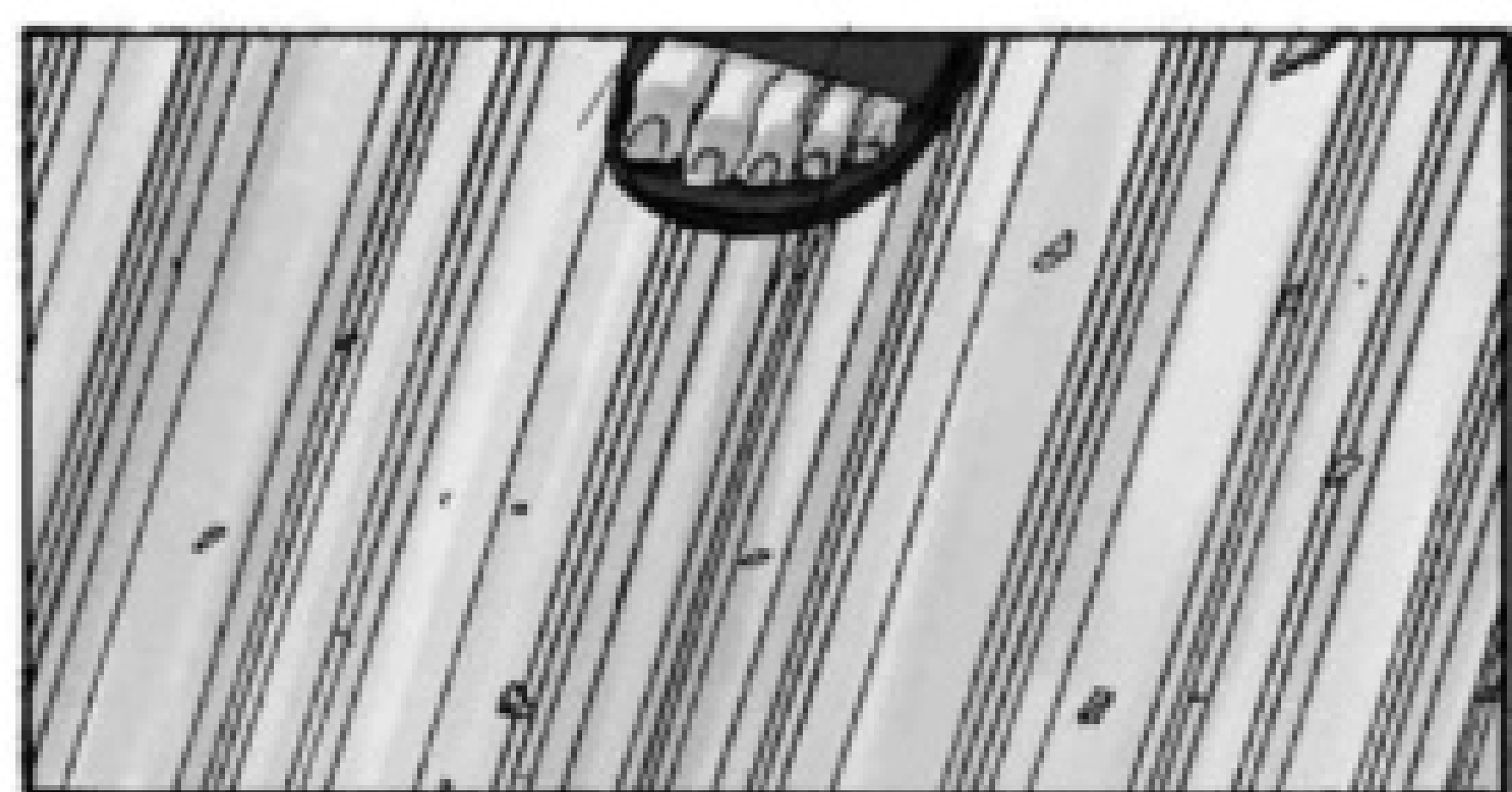
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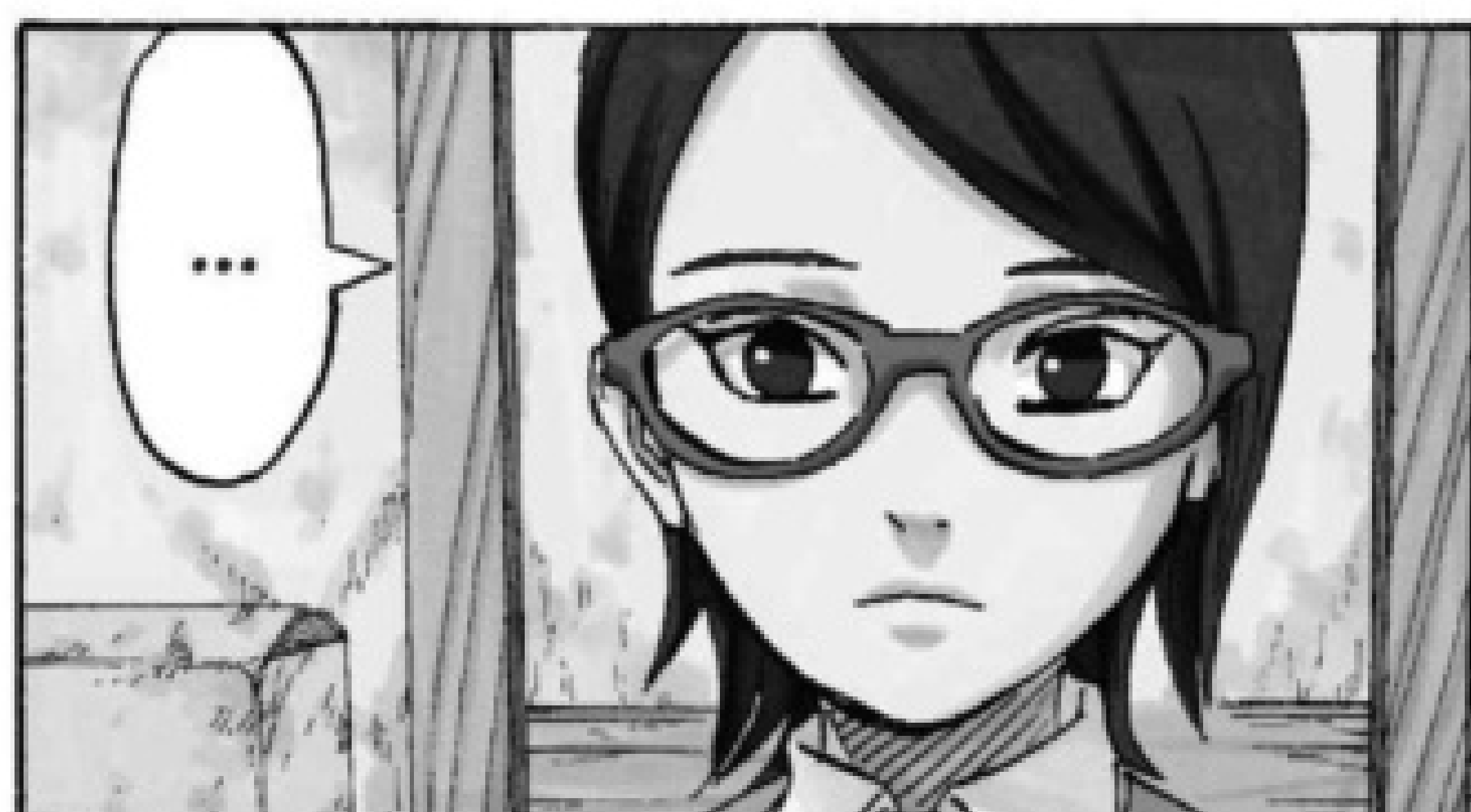
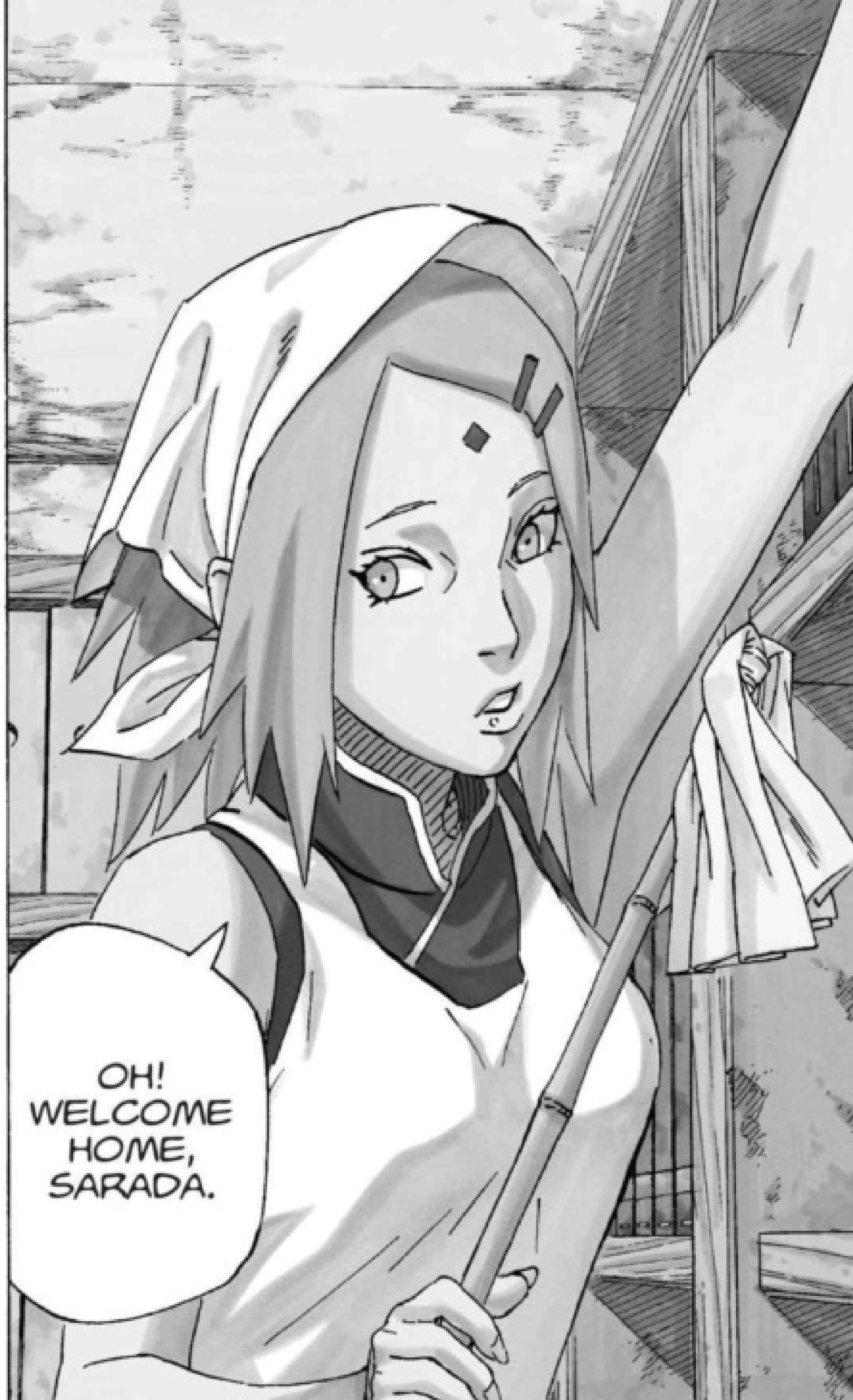
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...IF YOU'RE A NINJA TOO.













IT WAS SEALED
AWAY INSIDE A
SHINOBI CHILD
WHO, OVER TIME,
BEFRIENDED AND
CAME TO
COLLABORATE
WITH THE FOX.

ONCE UPON A
TIME, THERE LIVED
A FOX SPIRIT WITH
NINE TAILS.

THIS SHINOBI
YOUTH WHO
BORE THE FOX
SPIRIT WAS THE
SON OF THE
FOURTH
HOKAGE, AND
WAS HIMSELF
CALLED THE
SEVENTH
HOKAGE...

THEN BEFELL A
NEW CALAMITY,
THE REVIVING OF
TEN TAILS. BUT
THE SHINOBI
CHILD MATURED
INTO A SHINOBI
YOUTH, BECAME
ONE WITH THE
FOX SPIRIT AND
THE SHINOBI
CLANS, AND
SEALED TEN
TAILS AWAY.





This is the final volume.

Thank you so very much for your support these past 15 years.

I'd be honored if, in the future, you occasionally recall that there once was a character named Naruto.

Well then, please enjoy the conclusion of Naruto.

岸本 齊史

-Masashi Kishimoto, 2015



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